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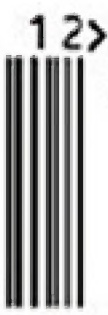
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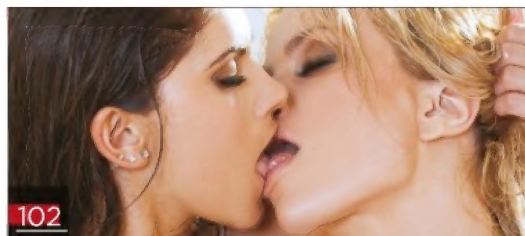
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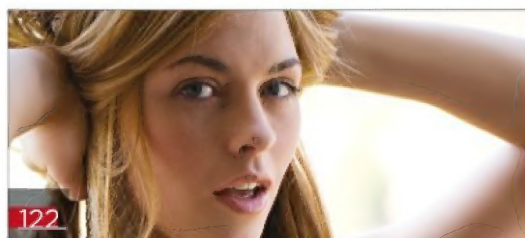
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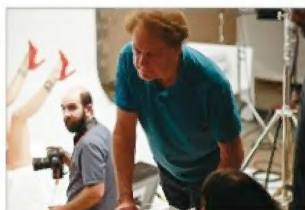
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Our December issue offers gift suggestions for every guy on your list—or for you—plus, a bevy of beautiful babes.



Julia Ann with Bill Plympton (right) and photographer Seth Michaels



Pop Shots

This month, animator and filmmaker Bill Plympton directed and drew a pictorial that's unique in our 45-year history: black-and-white, graphic novel-style drawings with full-color photographs of a gorgeous woman at their center. And since that woman—cougar porn star Julia Ann—is getting down and *really* dirty in a drive-in gang bang, you get a hot-as-hell penciled encounter. In the interview Plympton gave Eric Danville, he told us he was excited about the chance to create something so distinctive, saying, “When they approached me with the concept, I loved that they wanted something different. They didn’t want just the same old ‘woman taking her clothes off’ photo layout; they wanted something exciting and offbeat. I’d never seen anything where there were cartoons with the model. I thought that would be a really fun experiment.” As you’ll see beginning on [page 35](#), the results of that experiment are as entertaining as they are erotic.

Speaking of illustrations, we hope you’re enjoying the return of cartoons to these pages. We’ve enlisted New York City graphic artist PEL to take us back to our controversial roots with his political satire ([page 32](#)); Chris P. is supplying “meeting doodles” that tweak stereotypes about *Penthouse* readers by cleverly mocking them ([page 84](#)); and longtime contributor Eric Jay Decetis is providing new installments to his Great Moments in History series ([page 97](#)). See them all at PenthouseMagazine.com/graphicdisplays.

Gifts, Gifts, and More Gifts

This issue is all about gifts for guys, from DVDs and books in Full Frontal



([page 9](#)) to spirits, gadgets, and automotive/motorcycle gear in Life on Top ([page 21](#)). We have a roundup of fitness gear ([page 45](#)), new videogames ([page 48](#)), and all kinds of other cool shit ([page 54](#)). We also came up with ideas for sending a care package to an active-duty member of the armed forces ([page 60](#)). Plus, you won’t want to miss this month’s Sex Academy column about the *real* gift that keeps on giving: Dr. Ava Cadell explains why the best present you can give yourself is guilt-free masturbation ([page 82](#)).

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Cover girl and Pet of the Month Misty Stone helps us get in the holiday mood ([page 64](#)); Pet of the Year Runner-Up Hayden Hawken is featured in the hottest Santa-suit photos we’ve ever seen ([page 86](#)); real-life librarian Bailey Rayne is showcased in an artistic photo set that proves once and for all that librarians can indeed be sexy ([page 122](#)); 2013 Pet of the Year Runner-Up Angela Sommers and Aspen Rae share an erotic interlude in an outdoor shower ([page 102](#)); and Penthouse Pet Sam Phillips gets up-close and personal with August Pet of the Month Layla Sin in Pet Confidential ([page 98](#)). Plus, we close out the issue with the luscious Alyssa Reece and Penthouse Pet Jana Jordan in a smoking-hot—pun intended—Parting Shot ([page 142](#)). Enjoy! 





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HORNY FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Last holiday season, my divorce had just been finalized, and my parents insisted I make the four-hour drive to the group of cabins where my family gathered every year. The idea was that family and food would take my mind off my ex-husband. I had no problem putting my ex out of my mind, but the fact

that I hadn't had sex in months was beginning to affect my job. I could make only so many daily trips to the restroom to get myself off without being noticed. Hopefully, I'd be able to slip away from the family long enough to go into town and meet the right someone to help me take the edge off. I had to laugh at myself, though. Here I was, a 30-year-old woman who still felt the need to hide her sex life from Mom and Dad.

When I arrived at the cabin, I expected to be greeted by one of my five siblings. Instead, a gorgeous man opened the door, and I found myself wishing I'd worn anything other than my favorite pair of wash-worn jeans and the tattered but comfy sweatshirt from my alma mater. This man looked as if he'd be right at home on a magazine cover.

He smiled, greeted me by name, and said his name was Ted. He took my bags from me, and when I peeked over his shoulder, I could see my younger sister grinning from ear to ear, pumping both thumbs up in the air. She had always tried to set me up with guys, ever since we were in our teens—and she did have great taste in men. As a matter of fact, she'd never liked my ex, claiming from the very beginning that he wasn't right for me.

Apparently, the entire family was in on the fix, as Ted and I were immediately dispatched to the general store for last-minute dinner items—an obvious ruse, since my mother never forgot anything when it came to family dinners. I might have been surprised, but deep down I really didn't mind. Ted seemed nice, he certainly was sexy, and I was dying for

a good fuck. Maybe a quickie to start things off before dinner would be just the thing.

Ted followed my directions to the store, and managed to keep the car on the narrow road even while my fingers traced lazy circles on his thigh. After we purchased all three things on my mother's list, I told Ted to drive to the guest cabin where he was staying. When he stopped the car, we kissed, long and slow. I let my hand slide down his chest till I reached his belt buckle. I unfastened it and popped the button of his jeans, then let my hand snake inside to find his rapidly hardening cock. Ted groaned into my mouth, and I broke the kiss to tell him we didn't have much time.

As soon as we were inside the cabin, our clothes came off and we were skin to skin. Ted's tongue invaded my mouth for an exploratory kiss before he rasped into my ear, "Your sister said—"

"Tell me later, fuck me now!" I said.

Ted pushed me up against the wall, lowered his head, and pulled my nipple into his hot mouth. His tongue swirled and teased, while I rode the hard muscled thigh he'd wedged between my quivering legs. I plunged my hands into his hair and hooked one leg around him, pulling him even closer while forcing his head back up to my mouth. With our lips fused and our tongues dancing together, Ted pulled my leg higher and I helped guide his cock where I needed it most.

I let myself get lost in the rhythm as Ted's hard thrusts banged me against the wall, allowing the pleasure to build within me. When his arm gripped my other leg, I gave a little hop, wrapped both legs around him, and let him pound my pussy for all he was worth. Pleasure and passion continued to build until I came, holding on to him for dear life. Ted plunged into me several more times before he came and let my legs slip from his grasp.

That little quickie was just enough to take the edge off until after dinner, when Ted and I went back to the guest cabin and screwed like wild rabbits. This holiday it'll be more of the same, since Ted and I have been together for a whole year. We plan to do everything we did together last year and more!—J.P., Pennsylvania

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SECOND DUMBING

Harry and Lloyd are back—20 years older, definitely not wiser....



2STOOOGES

Twenty years after they left their first (skid)mark on pop culture, Lloyd and Harry are back, in the much anticipated *Dumb and Dumber To*.



DUMB AND DUMBER TO

JIM CARREY, JEFF DANIELS

While mainstream Hollywood bilks its customers for every last dollar by cranking out completely unnecessary sequels on a regular basis, rascally writer-director team Peter and Bobby Farrelly have decided to revisit their sub-idiotic charmers Lloyd and Harry a full 20 years after they first appeared.... And there was joy upon the land, etc. Carrey and Daniels are back (no others would suffice), hitting the road in a baby-drama plot almost certain to deliver a boatload of gross-outs. Has the comedy landscape changed so radically since the first *Dumb and Dumber*? Time will tell, but let's give the Farrellys their due: Secretly, they're softies with big hearts who almost accidentally invented cringe humor. Expect plenty of it this time out, along with loads of celebrity cameos.



THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY, PART I
JENNIFER LAWRENCE, LIAM HEMSWORTH,
JOSH HUTCHERSON

If you're like us, you don't have Lawrence fatigue yet, even though she's been crazily overexposed since her breakout performance in 2010's *Winter's Bone*. She's the real reason to check out this first half of the dystopian saga's finale: Katniss Everdeen has become Lawrence's signature role—bold, brainy, and rocking impressive shades. Will her character rise to the occasion and lead the revolution as expected? There's only one way to find out (well, two, if you corner some young-adult-fiction obsessive who's read the books). Also: Philip Seymour Hoffman, whose blunt-mannered gravitas will be missed, gives one of his final performances here.



INTERSTELLAR
MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY, ANNE HATHAWAY,
JESSICA CHASTAIN

What's a poor guy like Christopher Nolan to do after redefining the modern superhero film with the *Dark Knight* trilogy? (We use the word "poor" loosely.) Hopefully, he'll go back to making the off-kilter mysteries that got him noticed in the first place, such as *Memento* and *The Prestige*. Barring that, he'll split the difference: Nolan's ultrasecret sci-fi adventure (something to do with wormholes, a dying Earth, and astronaut McConaughey) looks like it'll have the big-budget sheen of the director's blockbusters. But we're also anticipating some unusual plotting and brainy notions about the space-time continuum.

REVIEWS



FOXCATCHER
STEVE CARELL, CHANNING TATUM, MARK RUFFALO

For some reason, wrestling pictures aren't as prevalent in film history as boxing flicks. There was *Vision Quest* (not that bad, people), *The Wrestler* (though that was about fake wrasslin'), and *Win Win* (with Paul Giamatti and Amy Ryan). But not many others spring to mind. So look for this disturbing true-crime tale about an unorthodox Olympic-training camp to rise to the top of the class. Director Bennett Miller (*Moneyball*) has a larger statement in mind about American pride and the psychological costs of competition. But the movie's ace is Carell as John du Pont, a multimillionaire sports fan who also turned out to be a psychopath. You won't recognize the comedian—until he's up at the podium accepting his Oscar.



ROSEWATER
GAEL GARCÍA BERNAL, SHOHREH AGHDASHLOO,
JASON JONES

Talk about a guilt complex: Jon Stewart had Iranian journalist Maziar Bahari on *The Daily Show* for an explosive interview, shortly after which the guy was detained and brutally interrogated for more than 100 days in his homeland. Stewart changed careers for a spell to write and direct this taut dramatization of the incident, starring García Bernal as Bahari. We call that a debt repaid. The title refers to the cologne Bahari could smell on his interrogator (played by the ominous Kim Bodnia), but that's the only sweet thing about this politically enraged film. Stewart does a fine job behind the camera, though Bahari is probably not coming back to *The Daily Show* anytime soon. **A-**

YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL

Bingeing on one season after another is the new norm for watching TV series. If you still buy DVDs to do so, you won't want to miss these.



SONS OF ANARCHY: THE COLLECTOR'S SET

The badass bikers of SAMCRO aren't the best at following the rules, which could explain why this collector's edition is being released while we're still in the middle of the final season. No worries though—there will be an extra space in the Reaper-themed packaging to add the season-seven DVD after it's released next year. Until then, catch up on Jax and the gang as they take on meth dealers, strip-mall developers, and a matriarch who misuses her grilling utensils. Bonus features from each season will be included, so you'll get all the behind-the-scenes action.



THE SOPRANOS: THE COMPLETE SERIES

No matter how awkward your holiday dinner may get, odds are good your family isn't this crazy. Now you can relive all the murders, affairs, panic attacks, and fever dreams of your favorite New Jersey capo. This set not only includes all the bonus goodies from past seasons, but also adds lost scenes, cast roundtables, and a brand-new, 45-minute feature that explores the show's impact. (We probably wouldn't have some of our current favorite shows, like *Ray Donovan*, if Tony Soprano hadn't perfected the lovable-psycho-as-protagonist role.) Now you can own it all in one convenient package, from the beginning to the ridiculously abrupt end.



TRUE BLOOD: THE COMPLETE SERIES

It's hard to remember a time when vampires weren't all over our TV screens, but *True Blood* could be credited (or blamed) for kicking off the blood-sucking craze when it conveniently premiered a couple of months before the first *Twilight* movie came out. Since then, we've followed Sookie Stackhouse through seven seasons of murder, betrayal, and loads of vampire sex. The complete collection includes all 80 episodes, along with such previously released bonus content as behind-the-scenes featurettes, audio commentaries, and—of course—fake ads for synthetic blood. With this collection, you'll always have a supernatural fix when you need it.



HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER: THE WHOLE STORY

Fans were furious when their favorite lighthearted comedy suddenly got gritty-cable-show complex in its final episode and **SPULER** the titular mother they'd barely met. So this complete collection could turn out to be the best present ever, since producer Carter Bays has been promising for months that it'll include an alternate ending. Whether it lives up to our expectations—or, at the very least, isn't such a huge downer—remains to be seen. But either way, it's worth owning the nine legen—wait for it—dary seasons that led up to it. For superfans, the set comes with *Bro Code/Playbook*-style packaging and a disc full of bonus features, including a table read, casting info on the mother, a retrospective documentary, and some new info on that whole pineapple mystery.



PSYCH: THE COMPLETE SERIES

When we first heard the *Psych* concept—a detective show about a crime consultant who pretends to solve cases using psychic powers—we really didn't expect much. We *definitely* didn't expect it to run eight seasons and become one of the most unique shows on TV, with bizarre highlights like a two-hour musical episode and occasional cartoon segments. Relive the weirdness—or get hooked for the first time—with all 199 episodes, extras from all the previous season releases, and a bonus disc with the "Psych After Pshow" that aired after the finale.



THE OFFICE: THE COMPLETE SERIES

There were so many iconic moments throughout the nine seasons of this mockumentary that broke the fourth wall and gave us the ultimate awkward antihero—the fire, the bat attack, the Olympics, the epic pranks—that any fan could probably spend a few hours listing his favorite Dunder Mifflin moments. This collection includes bonus commentaries, webisodes, bloopers, and more than 15 hours of deleted scenes. All in all, an impressive package. (That's what she said.)



TAXI: THE COMPLETE SERIES

It's been more than 35 years since *Taxi* first aired. It's widely considered one of the best sitcoms in TV history—it won 18 Emmys, and it launched the careers of Danny DeVito, Tony Danza, Andy Kaufman, and Marilu Henner. Now, finally, the classic series about a ragtag group of taxi drivers and their Napoleonic dispatcher is available as a full set. The collection includes 114 episodes, but it's pretty bare-bones otherwise—so, sadly, no Andy Kaufman blooper reel. Still, for nostalgic fans, it's a must-have. **A-**

OPEN SECRETS

Kingston native Marlon James's outstanding new novel speculates on the role of the CIA in one of the bloodiest times in Jamaican history.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF SEVEN KILLINGS

BY MARLON JAMES

Did the CIA orchestrate the 1976 assassination attempt on reggae superstar Bob Marley? Did the agency actively destabilize Jamaica during that period, for fear that Prime Minister Michael Manley and his People's National Party would turn the island nation into another Cuba? According to an old Jamaican proverb that

James quotes at the start of his panoramic novel about the period, *If it no go so, it go near so*. Inhabiting the interior lives of a panoply of characters, from gangsters and ghetto youths to politicians, CIA agents, middle-class women, and a *Rolling Stone* reporter, James sketches a brutal fictional history that, though it flouts its title by clocking in at 669 pages, sails by in a gripping deluge of incident, character, dialect, and insight.

OLD-SCHOOL AVIATION EXCERPT OF THE MONTH



FROM THE UNSUBSTANTIAL AIR: AMERICAN FLIERS IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR
BY SAMUEL HYNES

Hynes's account spotlights a number of young Ivy League-types who literally couldn't wait to get involved in World War I, "the world's first flying war." So much so that they enlisted in the French army before the United States even entered the conflict. But their gung-ho spirit sometimes

overrode their basic training, as in the case of young pilot Houston Woodward, who, upon sighting three enemy planes on one of his first patrols, immediately ditched his commander:

"Woodward has attacked one Boche [German] and been shot at by another, but there's still no score. He looks around for the German he attacked first and spots him far below, heading for home. He dives and overtakes him. When he's within a hundred meters of his target, he begins firing, a steady stream of bullets that continues until he's so close that he has to pull up to avoid a collision. This time he has better luck: 'I saw him slowly slip over on the wing, then go into a slow vrille [spinning descent], and after a few manoeuvres to keep him always under fire, I saw that he had been hit, and made a vertical spiral to watch him vrille down to the ground.'

[Still not satisfied, Woodward

dives again, chasing the other two German planes, and drawing anti-aircraft fire.]

"Any reader will have flinched at the mistakes Woodward made in the process: He left his leader to hunt on his own; he sprayed bullets from too great a distance; he decided to take his chances when the odds were against him; he let his plane get too low over German territory and German aircraft guns. But he got away with it, so he's elated. 'It was very thrilling,' he tells his father [in a letter]."

The swashbuckling Woodward enjoyed more adventures that month, and in February, while on R & R, had his portrait painted by a Russian princess. His commanding general would later describe him as "a pursuit pilot daring even to foolhardiness"—and indeed, on April 1, of all days, just three months after this patrol, Woodward was killed during a fight over enemy lines.



COBRA

BY DEON MYER

A retired Russian Army colonel fathers a child in one of the "hellhole countries" in which he spent the bulk of his military career. He promptly ditches both mother and son to a life of misery, but mother knew the man's name—and son, well, he grew up and joined the French Foreign Legion, transforming himself into "a real killer ... a badass soldier." After

he left the service, he "became the [expletive] Cobra" and tracked down his international-deadbeat dad: "That was the Cobra's first hit with the snake on the bullets. That's where it all started." Now, those telltale bullets have turned up at the scene of a kidnapping near Cape Town, setting in motion the clockwork gears of another white-knuckler from Meyer, a South African novelist Michael Connelly calls "one of the unsung masters."

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MINI HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Books for the cinephile, the rocker, the pub crawler, the pop-culture nerd, and the comedy fan.



Separate Cinema: The First 100 Years of Black Poster Art

By John Duke Kisch (Foreword by Henry Louis Gates Jr., afterword by Spike Lee)

From the technically brilliant, morally repugnant *Birth of a Nation* to the searing, Academy Award-winning *12 Years a Slave*, the history of

black cinema has moved in lockstep with the history of African-Americans in the wider world. This handsome coffee-table book surveys a century's worth of the most striking and historically significant movie posters from African-American cinema.



Excess All Areas: A Lighthearted Look at the Demands and Idiosyncrasies of Rock Icons on Tour

By Sue Richman

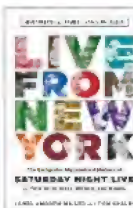
Most people thought David Lee Roth and Van Halen were pushing it with their no-brown-M&M's rider, but at least that had a purpose (to ensure that instructions for their complicated and potentially dangerous stage set were followed to the letter). Some of the requests here are just mean to the functionaries who have to fulfill them. Take the Bloodhound Gang and their "1 large packet of Skittles, separated by color (bassist is obsessive-compulsive)," followed by, a few items later, "1 small rhesus monkey skeleton."



Come Here Often? 53 Writers Raise a Glass to Their Favorite Bar

Edited by Sean Manning

Guns N' Roses bassist Duff McKagan, Hold Steady frontman Craig Finn, novelists Jim Shepard and Ishmael Reed, journalist Janine di Giovanni, and music critic David Hajdu—among 47 others—weigh in with tributes to beloved watering holes from Beijing to Baltimore; Paris to Peterborough, Ontario; and dozens of points in between.



Live From New York: The Complete, Uncensored History of Saturday Night Live, as Told by Its Stars, Writers, and Guests

By James Andrew Miller and Tom Shales

Just in time for *SNL*'s 40th season comes an updated and expanded edition of the instant-classic oral history of Lorne Michaels's comic institution, first published in 2002. Among the new elements are stories and comments from Amy Poehler and Tina Fey, Bill Hader and Andy Samberg, as well as Kenan Thompson and newcomer Sasheer Zamata, the first African-American female cast member since 2007.



Science ... for Her!

By Megan Amram

Parks and Recreation writer and Twitter titan Amram emerges from her comedy lab with a science textbook filtered through the sensibility of a *Cosmopolitan* editor. In this easy-to-read (natch) satirical tome, you can learn about "Orgasms vs. Organisms," find out what religion is best for your body type, and discover the sexiest molecules in existence.





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MAD MIND MELD

In a collaboration that seems like it should have happened sooner, members of the Butthole Surfers join the Melvins on their latest LP, the gleefully wide-ranging *Hold It In*.



THE MELVINS
HOLD IT IN
IPECAC RECORDINGS
★★★ 1/2

How did this not happen years ago? Fellow noisy, experimental outsiders the Melvins and the Butthole Surfers have joined forces, with Surfers guitarist Paul Leary and bassist JD Pinkus joining Melvins ax-wielder Buzz Osborne and drummer Dale Crover on the 22nd element of the latter's legendary career. The most surprising element of the result is how straightforward some of the songs are, most notably the pop-rocking "Brass Cupcake" and the swaggering seventies sound of "Piss Pissstofferson." They even break out a thwacking, country-tinged tune in "I Get Along (Hollow Moon)," one of three tracks written and sung by Leary. But they color outside the lines plenty, too: There's the squiggly, backwards-running "Barcelonian Horseshoe Pit" and the epic, noise-rocking closer, "House of Gasoline." And it wouldn't be a Melvins record without some bearskin-thick riffage, duly supplied in the tremendous crunch-boogie of "Onions Make the Milk Taste Bad" and the sledgehammering "Sesame Street Meat."



... AND YOU WILL KNOW US BY THE TRAIL OF DEAD

IX
SUPERBALL MUSIC
★★★★

Trail of Dead makes music fit to be played off some rocky outcropping near the summit of a mountain. Call it indie grandeur. And they deliver another worthy dose here, sticking to the leaner approach they deployed on 2012's *Last Songs*—tighter tracks full of booming, martial drums and ringing guitars—while adding acoustic guitars, deft piano, and strings accents for a slightly more subdued overall sound. "Jaded Apostles" opens with a quicksilver synth line that snakes the length of the track's 4:05 run time, even as the drums, guitars, and vocals surge. Then they subside, and the synth tones still flicker. Other standouts include the hooky vocal melody of "Bus Lines" and "Sound of the Silk," with its percussion interlude and furious finish.



JUKEBOX THE GHOST
JUKEBOX THE GHOST
YEP ROC
★★ 1/2

We'd say that Brooklyn-based popsters Jukebox the Ghost have polished the edges off their music, but we're pretty certain there were no edges to begin with. Not that there's anything wrong with that. Skillfully constructed songs, ultrabright hooks, and wide-eyed sentiments have a long history in pop music, and these guys deliver them all in spades. The surging, Ben Folds-esque "The Great Unknown" is a bull's-eye for fans of inoffensive, anthemic piano pop, while "The One" dips into electro pop, opening with a light-funk synth pattern before Tommy Siegel vows not to be "the one who falls for you." Chances are, many listeners will fall for Jukebox the Ghost.



OVER THE RHINE
BLOOD ORANGES
IN THE SNOW
GREAT SPECKLED DOG
★★★★

Christmas music has long fascinated Linford Detweiler and Karin Bergquist, the husband-and-wife folk duo known as Over the Rhine. They've found that the happy-jolly or sacred-solemn sounds of the holiday's traditional tunes don't always square with the actual experience of Christmas with the family. So, over three Christmas albums—this being the third—they've created "reality Christmas" music: stately, melancholy songs that lean more toward the somber than the sunny. "First Snowfall," in which "the Christmas decorations look ragged and rusty," is a prime example, as is the Merle Haggard cover "If We Make It Through December," which laments "Daddy can't afford no Christmas here."

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by the Kinks

"FAIRYTALE OF NEW YORK"

by the Pogues, with Kirsty MacColl

"JUST LIKE CHRISTMAS"

by Low

BOX-SET GIFT GUIDE

'Tis the music-biz season for box sets.



GEORGE HARRISON

The Apple Years: 1968-75

Harrison was the first Beatle to have a No. 1 hit as a solo artist (1970's "My Sweet Lord"), and now, the first six studio albums of his solo career have been remastered in an eight-disc box set.

SLEATER-KINNEY

Start Together

The powerhouse punk trio from Olympia, Washington, which broke up in 2006, is getting the deluxe box-set treatment this holiday season. All seven of their studio albums have been remastered, and they're being rereleased in several formats: limited-edition colored vinyl (with a 44-page book), a CD box set, a black-vinyl box set, and as downloads.

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH, AND YOUNG

CSNY 1974

The sixties folk legends have released a box set of live recordings from their 1974 reunion tour, and the goods come in a range of setups, from a three-CD/DVD set, a Pure Audio Blu-ray, and a 16-song single disc. There's also a 188-page booklet, and a limited-edition release that comes with a coffee-table book and six 12-inch vinyl records.

THE "IN CASE YOU MISSED IT" DIVISION



LED ZEPPELIN

Deluxe-Edition Box Set

The standard-bearers of riff rock started rereleasing their studio albums last year, producing remastered versions of *Led Zeppelin*, *Led Zeppelin II*, and *Led Zeppelin III*, each replete with all kinds of bonus goodies and in multiple formats. They continue the quest this season, issuing remasters of 1971's *Led Zeppelin IV* and 1973's *Houses of the Holy*.



BOB DYLAN

The Complete Album Collection: Volume 1

Robert Zimmerman's entire catalog was rereleased last year, and fans are still working their way through it. There are 35 studio albums here, along with six live albums, two-CD "Side Tracks," and a hardcover book, *Moby Dick* by Herman Mel—no, actually, the tome features liner notes and an introduction.



THE CLASH

Sound System

Here in one boom-box-inspired package are all of the legendary punk band's studio albums (except their sixth one, *Cut the Crap*, which ... they've done by omitting it), plus three more discs featuring B-sides, demos, rarities, and nonalbum singles—as well as a DVD with live footage, promotional videos, and documentary clips. **A-**

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HEAVY GIFTING

Think outside the gift box with these high-tech toys.

By Crispin Boyer



TECH

■ RocketSkates

Acton • \$459 to \$679 (depending on the model and accessory pack)

These aren't so much roller skates as small motorized vehicles you strap to your shoes. Each RocketSkate has two tiny electric motors that propel the wearer up to 12 miles an hour—as fast as a zippy jog. You control your speed simply by tilting your feet forward to accelerate and tilting back to put on the brakes. They're powered by rechargeable batteries that last roughly six to ten miles, depending on the model of skate. An app for Apple and Android devices links to the skates via Bluetooth to track distance traveled, play games, and even control the skates remotely so you can summon them to your feet as if you're Iron Man.



■ Galaxy Tab 4 Nook

Samsung • \$179 (after \$20 instant rebate)

This tablet that's been optimized for e-reading is just the right screen size (seven inches), weight, and budget price for anyone craving more than a backlit Kindle, but less than a fully loaded tablet. The processor power and screen resolution fall short of competing devices, but for the price you get a perfectly adequate and responsive machine for browsing, watching movies, and playing Android games, along with such frills as built-in GPS and front- and rear-facing cameras for chat. The included Nook software makes it easy to choose from more than three million books and find recommendations while quarantining the tablet features so you're not pestered by emails and social-media updates when you're lost in a Stephen King novel.



■ iblazr smartphone flash

iblazr • \$50

The awfully named iblazr is the perfect gift for the smartphone-obsessed. The tiny flash connects to the headphone jack of any Apple or Android phone (or tablet) and substantially enhances the device's photo-taking abilities. Its four powerful LEDs are softened by filters so your subjects—and your selfies—don't look like they were snapped under emergency-room fluorescents. The flash has its own rechargeable battery that's good for 500 flashes on a single charge, or 40 minutes of constant light for videos (or if you just need a flashlight). An included app lets you adjust the flash's intensity and adds photo-sharing options.



■ da Vinci 2.0 Duo 3-D printer

XYZ Printing • \$649

Get the gift that keeps on giving ... other gifts: a 3-D printer you can afford without taking out a small-business loan. It's about the size of a large microwave, and is a plug-and-play system with no assembly required and minimal maintenance. Just insert the plastic "ink" cassettes and print from a crowd-sourced library of more than 1,000 designs. Or mock up your own projects—anything up to 5.9 inches wide by 7.8 inches high by 7.8 inches deep—and put together your own prototypes. Dual nozzles let you print two-color projects, a pro-level feature for a printer in this price range.



■ EverSense smart thermostat

Allure Energy • \$299

If you're familiar with the Nest—a thermostat with Wi-Fi connectivity—then think of the EverSense as a Nest with benefits. Like other "smart" thermostats, the EverSense lets you set your home's temperature from anywhere using an app, detects when you leave to cut down on electricity costs, and learns your preferences to make your casa more comfortable. But the EverSense goes a step further by streaming tunes through built-in speakers from your smartphone and providing a daily weather forecast on its large touch screen. The unit is fairly large—nearly 8 inches by 2.5 inches—making it easy to install over an existing thermostat without having to patch the drywall. In other words, it's a great gift for friends with zilch home-improvement skills.



■ Turbo X Bluetooth speaker


Riva • \$350

Bluetooth speakers have become such a common commodity that you could literally build a wall of sound from all the options on the market. Nava's Turbo X is a beacon of quality among all that quantity. Since it's packing 45 watts of power (plus a special "Turbo" EQ mode that boosts the volume until it's loud enough to drown out a chain saw), it delivers serious boom for the buck. It also does double duty as a speakerphone, and even makes a decent home-theater system, thanks to some convincing surround-sound-simulating technology. With its splash-proof case, 20-hour battery life, and charging port for your phone or tablet, the Turbo X also makes a good portable speaker for the park, porch, or poolside.



■ BelayCord reversible USB charging cable

Made in College • \$30

This is one of those itty-bitty things that makes a big difference: a USB charging cable that always plugs in correctly no matter which way you jam it into the port. It's available in lightning, micro-USB, and 30-pin versions for all types of tablets and smartphones, and coated in super-sturdy ropelike fabric that resists tangling and has a lifetime warranty. It's a no-brainer gift for someone with lousy luck when it comes to plugging in devices. 

YULETIDE FOR THE RIDE

Gifts for the road,
no matter how you roll.

By Bill Heald



■ Jumpack jump starter

Cobra.com • \$130

You don't have to be an engineer on a starship or a locomotive to know when a situation calls for more power. These days we leave home with a variety of devices that require electrical sustenance, and if you use your car battery to supply that juice you can find yourself with a starter that needs more power than your battery has left. The Jumpack will not only jump-start your car, but also juice up your phone and other gadgets. The small device weighs 10.5 ounces, has a lithium-cobalt battery, and comes with jumper cables, an onboard light, and a USB port, and charges via your car's 12-volt socket or a household adapter.



■ AAA winter severe-weather travel kit

Amazon.com • \$40

Even the very best SUVs and all-wheel-drive sedans and wagons can have problems getting through the worst winter storms. You need to be prepared. This 65-piece road kit from AAA packs a plethora of emergency essentials in a small (12 by 9 by 3.5 inches) zippered bag, including an LED flashlight with batteries; an ice scraper; a first-aid kit; a safety strobe; a fleece set including a cap, scarf, and gloves; hand warmers; a fire starter; emergency candles; an emergency guide; and more. It could truly be a lifesaver.



■ Extendable Twister snow brush

Oxo.com • \$20

When the snow falls we'd all like to have a heated garage, or—barring that—a butler who can scrape the windshield of our Bentley so we are spared this arduous task. But those amazingly creative people at OXO have something rather cool to ease the pain—and that shows that even something as simple as a scraper/broomette can be designed brilliantly. With a locking, swiveling brush and an extension that expands with the touch of a button to add another 11 inches of reach, snow has no chance. Perhaps the most impressive thing about this windshield plow is its solid construction that promises years of reliable use.



■ MAXSA Innovations Comfy Cruise travel blanket

[Amazon.com](#) • \$40

"Tis the season" means not only keeping the snow off the windows, but ensuring your passengers (especially that very special one) are kept warm and comfortable when things turn frigid. This can actually be serious should you find yourself stranded in a storm and need to, you know, survive. This travel blanket is not just a cozy wrap composed of polar fleece. It's heated courtesy of a power adapter that uses your car's 12-volt power socket, and since it measures 42 by 58 inches, it's roomy enough for two. A timer allows for automatic shutoff at 30 or 45 minutes so you don't accidentally toast anyone, and it has a long cord so it reaches the backseat easily, even from a dashboard socket.



■ The Only Automatic cordless tire inflator [Hammacher.com](#) • \$90

Even though we now have incredible technology in cars, your tires are still filled with this low-tech substance called "air." This also applies to things you might be hauling in your car, like mountain bikes, sporting equipment, air mattresses—you name it. If the air escapes from any of these things, you need an air pump that's easy to use. This superportable tool looks like a cordless drill, but it attaches a short hose to tire-valve stems. Just program the PSI and the inflator stops when you reach the desired pressure. It can do a car tire in a low-pressure emergency, but it works best on smaller tires.



■ JUNOJUMPR [JunoPower.com](#) • \$100

Do you want even more portability when it comes to supporting your electronic devices, and still have the capability to jump-start a car? This simple yet high-tech device is a bit longer (but thinner) than most wallets. It's powered by a 6,000-ampere-hour lithium-polymer battery; has a USB output to charge phones, cameras, tablets, and other electronic devices; and comes with a pair of proprietary jumper cables should you need to rescue a damsel in a Mini. This unit can jump most motorcycles and small vehicles, though its small size limits your boosting to six-cylinder engines or less, no V-8s. It recharges via a micro-USB input or a 12-volt power socket.



■ MotoPump

MotoPumps.com • Basic: \$70; deluxe: \$80

If you think getting a flat tire with a car is a pain, try a motorcycle. A patch kit will repair a tire, but you still need to refill it with air. This ultracompact air pump that you attach with clips or ring connectors to your bike's battery can fill your tire in no time. As cool as that is, the beauty is in the details. This unit has an excellent backlit pressure gauge, and the coiled air hose has a screw fitting to secure it to your tire's valve stem. It also has an LED light, and seems very solid. Its size—2 by 4.75 by 5.75 inches—means the tour rider can pack it deep in a saddlebag. The deluxe version comes with a neoprene case.



■ Racer High Speed gloves

RacerGlovesUSA.com • \$280

These are tough enough for professional road racing, but certainly worthy of any street riders who respect their hands. They're a complex construction with a "chassis" composed of cowhide, with thermoplastic-polyurethane protectors on the fingers, knuckles, and wrists. The palms get additional protection from kangaroo leather with Pittards grip patches mated to the latest generation of Knox SPS palm sliders. Finally, there's a double-closure system on the wrists to keep the gloves in place, and they're perforated to keep you cool. They come in white or black and white, and are available in small to 3XL.



■ HD Zone sunglasses from Wiley X

Harley-Davidson.com • \$149

When you're riding, you can deal with the sun's brightness with either a tinted visor on your helmet or a pair of sunglasses. In the case of the latter, there's a catch—most sunglasses aren't designed with the needs of motorcyclists in mind. Wiley X has teamed with Harley-Davidson to create true riders' sunglasses, and the Zone family of slick shades features "a patented removable, soft-foam Facial Cavity Seal that blocks out wind, dust, and reflected light for enhanced vision and greatly increased eye comfort whether riding in the city or the open highway." This new feature makes these sunglasses incredibly versatile. They're also comfortable, optically excellent, and will help protect your eyes from debris. Oh, and they look cool off the bike, too. Several lens types (including prescription) as well as a couple of frame colors are available.



■ Springfield mesh jacket


IndianMotorcycle.com • \$200

Indian Motorcycles is a familiar name from the past, and over the years the company has disappeared and risen out of the ashes many times, but never with really exciting results. All this has changed now that it's part of Polaris (which also builds Victory Motorcycles), and its new motorcycles show tremendous promise. So does the company's premium riding gear. The Springfield mesh jacket is a great representative of classic styling with the latest advancements. This is a blend of textile and leather, and is designed to allow the breeze in through mesh panels so you can keep your cool. If there's a chill in the air, there's a zip-in liner to warm things up. Shoulder and elbow body armor, along with Powerstretch side panels, provide protection and a more comfortable fit, and 3M reflective piping helps keep you conspicuous at night. Sizes range from small to 5XL.



■ R-3 one-piece suit

Aerostich.com • R-3 Regular: prices start at \$1,067; R-3 Light: \$967

If your job requires business attire, commuting by motorcycle is a problem. But years ago a solution appeared in the form of the Aerostich Roadcrafter suit, which was designed to fit over your corporate raiment and provide excellent protection from weather and get-offs. The ingenious design meant it could be removed in a flash once you got to the workplace. These useful garments also became the choice of touring riders the world over, and now Aerostich has introduced the third generation, the R-3. This one-piece suit offers more waterproofing and a cooler ride, along with other advancements, and comes in Regular and Light versions (500D or 200D Cordura Gore-Tex, respectively). Numerous pockets, specialized body armor, and lots of options to customize your suit show Aerostich still builds the finest, most versatile riding suits in the world at the company's home in Duluth, Minnesota. 



■ Adventure dry bag

Touratech-USA.com • Medium: \$110; large: \$117; extra large: \$124

Into every life, some rain must fall. If you're riding when it happens, it can mess with your luggage. The only solution is a bag that first and foremost is designed to keep water out, no matter what. Touratech has a line of tough polyurethane bags with welded seams and roll-up closures. For nighttime visibility, the bags have 3M reflective patches in numerous locations, and stout D-rings so they can be tied down securely.

BOTTLES OF CHEER

Holiday shopping isn't for everyone. If you prefer the one-stop approach, look no further than your local spirits store. As for inspiration? Read on.

By Deirdre Goldbeck



■ Off the Vine

It's never too early to think about picking up a bottle of bubbly for New Year's Eve. The striking red-and-gold **Piper-Heidsieck Lightbox** makes a great gift for the host of the party or that special lady you've chosen to help you ring in the New Year. It comes with a bottle of **Brut Cuvee** for just \$40. And the lid doubles as a candleholder to add just the right sensual atmosphere.

The **California Wine Club** offers many options for holiday gifts that are suitable for family, friends, or business associates. The club features handcrafted quality selections from some of California's best small artisan wineries. You can purchase single bottles, gifts by the month (1 to 12 months), or choose from one of five series levels, which vary by price. Go to CAWineClub.com and enter coupon code **PH2014** during checkout for a 15 percent discount on memberships, as well as on individual bottles of wine.



■ Scotch and Bourbon

A bottle of Scotch says one thing, but a single malt says it all. **Balblair 2002** (750 ml/\$60) has a full-bodied taste and a bit of spicy sweetness from its time in American-oak casks. Each label notes the vintage year (when it was distilled) and the release year (when it was bottled). This one has your boss's name written all over it.

Booker's bourbon (750 ml/\$55) is aged from six to eight years, then bottled uncut and unfiltered straight from the barrel, giving it a rich color and a more intense taste. Booker Noe first created this bourbon as a holiday gift for family and close friends. Each bottle has a label with Booker's handwritten note that pays tribute to his grandfather Jim Beam, and is tagged with a number and Booker's signature.



■ Gin

If you find yourself reaching for a familiar brand of gin for the Martini lover on your list, try **Nolet's Silver** (750 ml/\$45), made from a unique blend of botanicals. It's distilled with Turkish roses, peaches, and raspberries, resulting in a dry spirit that's floral and fruity.



■ Vermouth

A classic Manhattan cocktail requires a superior vermouth. The 150th anniversary limited-edition **Martini Gran Lusso** (750 ml/\$30) was inspired by the original 1871 recipe, and truly is a "grand luxury," as only 150,000 bottles are being produced. Why not put together a complete cocktail package? Just add whiskey, bitters, and a jar of Maraschino cherries.



■ Tequila

Patrón has expanded its family with a line of artisanal tequilas. **Roca Patrón** is a higher-proof spirit that's made using a two-ton stone wheel hand-carved from volcanic rock that slowly crushes the agave and breaks down the fibers, which are then fermented together, resulting in an earthier taste. Even the bottle's angular shape hints at an edgier version of the original. The **Silver** (750 ml/\$70) is a great way to introduce a friend to this new tequila.

While you're browsing the shelves, don't overlook **Cruz Reposado** (750 ml/\$53). It has a smooth, delicate taste, and the hand-blown bottle embossed with a silver cross is made from recycled glass and metal, and each one is hand-signed and -numbered.

■ Beer

It's not a party till someone brings the beer. Make your entrance with the **Sierra Nevada Snowpack** (\$16 to \$17). This party box contains three 12-ounce bottles each of Boomerang IPA, Coffee Stout, Porter, and Pale Ale, enough variety to satisfy all. Better make that two boxes—just to be safe.



■ Rum

Go for the gold with **Phraya** (750 ml/\$40). This spirit is crafted in the kingdom of Thailand and draws inspiration from the elements of fire, earth, air, and water. It's aged 7 to 12 years in oak barrels, so the taste is smooth yet slightly spicy. Don't even think about mixing it in a cocktail—just pour, sip, and enjoy.

Vizcaya Cristal (750 ml/\$24), from the Dominican Republic, will appeal to any rum lover. Its smooth finish makes it great for sipping neat or on the rocks, and the complex undertones will elevate any cocktail.



■ Absinthe

Absinthe was fashionable in Paris in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and it was later banned in the United States in 1912. After 95 years, **Lucid Absinthe Supérieure** (750 ml/\$60) became the first absinthe made with genuine wormwood to be legally available in the States. If you're giving this as a gift, add a box of sugar cubes for the traditional method of imbibing—louching, or slowly pouring water into the absinthe through a sugar cube on a slotted spoon.

■ Vodka

Although the name **Ménage à Trois** calls to mind endless quips about threesomes, this clean-tasting California vodka (750 ml/\$23), from the producers of the wine of the same name, is the real deal—triple-distilled, made from corn, and gluten-free. Okay, so maybe you want to invite your two most adventurous female friends over and get the party started with a few vodka cocktails. Nothing wrong with that.



BOOZEWARE

Whether you want to kick back with a cold one, savor your favorite whiskey, or channel your inner mixologist, this gear will help you do things right.

By Deirdre Goldbeck



■ Stanley Adventure stainless-steel shot-glass set

Stanley-dmi.com • \$20

Stanley, makers of fine thermoses for, oh, a century, knows a thing or two about taking beverages on the road. And that knowledge also applies to the company's shot-glass set. It includes a steel carry case to house four two-ounce shot glasses. The \$35 Spirits Set comes with an eight-ounce flask—that's everything you'll need to toast a buddy's good fortune, or help keep your date warm in case of an emergency. Being prepared for any contingency has never looked so tasty.



■ Whiskey Wedge

Corkcicle.com • \$15 per glass

If you prefer your whiskey on the rocks but not watered down, here's one wedgie you won't mind getting. The whiskey glass has a silicone cap with an angled wedge. Just fill the glass with water up to the fill line and freeze. In approximately four hours, remove the cap and you'll have a perfectly chilled glass with a rock-solid ice wedge that's worthy of your best whiskey.



■ Vinebago Corkcicle.com • \$30

Vinebago can hold a 750ml bottle of wine, and double-wall insulation ensures that it will stay cold for up to 25 hours. Of course, since it's winter and instead you're headed to the stadium, it'll keep that batch of Hot Toddlies hot for 12 hours.



■ Electric Houdini corkscrew

Metrokane.com • \$40

Uncorking a bottle of wine can be tricky. Get it right on the first try and amaze your dinner date with this clever corkscrew. It has an integrated foil-cutter, and the bottom is made from clear Lucite, so your guest won't miss a trick. A single charge will open 30 bottles.



■ Decapitator

Corkcicle.com • \$20

Why use an ordinary opener when you can use one with a name like a WWE fighter? Place the Decapitator over a bottle of beer, push down firmly, and pull. The cap comes off and is held in place by a hidden magnet. Hands down, this opener will always come out on top.



■ Rabbit electric cocktail mixer

Metrokane.com • \$20

Even the bartender needs a break now and then. Let your guests mix their own cocktails with the push of a button. This electric cocktail mixer does the job in 15 seconds or less. Just add ingredients and ice, and let 'er rip. It holds 18 ounces and runs on two AAA batteries.



■ Rabbit push muddler


Metrokane.com • \$15

Muddling Mojito ingredients for a thirsty crowd can be a bit tedious. This updated stainless-steel muddler has a head that pivots when you push to crush ingredients faster and more efficiently than standard muddlers, and it breaks down easily for quick cleaning.



■ Tovolo highball ice molds

Amazon.com • \$18 per set

Like whiskey, a good cocktail is best enjoyed before melting ice dilutes the taste. These three- by two-inch ice barrels are the perfect match for your highball glasses. Just fill the silicone base with water, cap it, then freeze. The space-saving molds are stackable, and they won't tip over. And since they're perfectly sized to slip into your wide-mouth water bottle, you'll get even more use out of them during the hot summer months. 

Family Matters

Our twenty-first-century rogue tells you how to deal when an invite to meet the family cuts in on a no-strings fling.

Illustration by Celia Calle




I'm six months into a relationship with a "hot wife" I met on a social-networking site, and the sex is fucking phenomenal. But I still date and she's still (I assume) happily married. A few weeks ago, we talked about the holidays. I live on the opposite coast as my family, and because of work obligations, I won't be going there to visit until after New Year's. When she found out I'd be spending the holidays alone, she suggested I spend a day or two with her family.

Now, I knew she was married—her husband is completely aware of our relationship and actually encourages it—but "family" implies at least one kid. And while the idea that I'm fucking another man's wife is actually part of the appeal of hot wife-ing, putting a face and a name to the guy, seeing their home, and possibly meeting their kids isn't the least bit appealing. But I'm not sure how to relay those feelings to her without making her feel bad, and possibly ruining a good situation. How do I tell a woman I'm fucking I don't want to meet her family?

For readers who are unaware, "hot wife-ing" is like swinging, but the wife does the majority of the fucking while the husband hangs back and films, beats off, or isn't even in the room.

There was a time, not too long ago, when men and women went out and fucked people who weren't their spouses and never told a soul. Now, women are banging half the block, and not only does hubby know, he encourages it because it gets him off. Either a ton of men have discovered that they get off on another dude banging their wife, or they're using it as a free pass to get tail of their own.

As for your situation, I'm sad to have to tell you something that you should have already known: Nothing good lasts forever. Even if you went home for the holidays or your lover never suggested clinking eggnog glasses with her next of kin, things would have come to an end eventually. At some point in pretty much every affair, people get tired of fucking each other. Luckily, there's plenty of married and single ass out there.

And don't worry about hurting her feelings. You only have to take that into consideration, or deal with her relatives, when it's *your* wife. 





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We've invited a select group of celebrity guests to create and direct a photo shoot that represents their unique vision of what makes a woman hot.

Directed and drawn by Bill Plympton • Interview by Eric Danville

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nimator and filmmaker Bill Plympton is a study in contrasts. The 68-year-old's work has appeared in a diverse selection of publications, from *The New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, and *Rolling Stone* to adult magazines, including, of course, *Penthouse*. You've seen three of his animations in the long-running couch gag in the opening credits of *The Simpsons*; he's contributed artwork to videos by musicians ranging from "Weird Al" Yankovic to Kanye West; and he's twice been nominated for an Academy Award for his short films *Your Face* and *Guard Dog*. Before hitting the road to promote his latest film, *Cheatin'*, Plympton came back to his roots to create a unique installment of our Pop Shots series. He tells us how the project came about, and why he picked cougar porn star Julia Ann to play his fantasy "hot chick" for the shoot with photographer Seth Michaels.





We've had graphic artists and actors direct Pop Shots, but you're the first visual storyteller who's been invited to do this. Though this isn't the first time your work has appeared here.

I did a gag cartoon for *Penthouse*, but I also worked for *Penthouse Letters*, *Hot Talk*, *Penthouse Forum*, and *Viva*. Then, of course, I met Bob Guccione and [his wife] Kathy Keeton. I went to their place for a couple of parties and stuff. We weren't intimate friends, but I met them and I liked the guy. It was fun working for him.

What was it about the opportunity to do Pop Shots that appealed to you?

I wanted to see what it would be like. It's a fantasy come true. It's every guy's wildest dream to do something like this for *Penthouse*. It's kind of a bucket-list thing, too, you know? When they approached me with the concept, I loved that they wanted something different. They didn't want just the same old "woman taking her clothes off" photo layout; they wanted something exciting and offbeat. I'd never seen anything where there were cartoons with the model. I thought that would be a really fun experiment. I wanted to see if I could do it, if I could work it.

It's interesting that there's no dialogue to drive the story along for the reader, like there usually is when you see erotic pictorials. When you read adult magazines, are you a fan of the captions, what we in the biz call "girl copy"?

It's called "girl copy"? That's the first time I've heard that term! No, I don't care so much about it. I'm purely visual. That's what gets me off. I never



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read sex novels or any of that kind of stuff. I'm a very purely visual guy.

You obviously approached the project as a kind of mini movie. Did your filmmaking and animation background influence the way you approached the story?

What's so unique about cartoons is that there are no limits. There are no restrictions in terms of cameras and lenses and backdrops. It's all my wild imagination. You can do anything you want. I love the idea of creating a story that's totally fantasy, totally unreal, that could never happen in the real world. That's why I do animation.

It's interesting that you had the story take place at a drive-in theater.

Every guy has sexual fantasies that he'd like to live out. One of my great ones in high school was going to the drive-in movies and getting it on with the hot chick in class. So this is my childhood fantasy come true. That's a fantasy that I think a lot of guys have. I think a lot of guys can relate to this, because there's something about high school that's really horny. So it was a natural for me to be able to re-create the whole storyline of getting it on with some hot chick at the Passion Pit.

I was looking at some of the behind-the-scenes stills from the photo shoot, and I saw you without your shirt on in one of them. I was wondering if you were going to make a guest appearance as the guy in the story in the finished product.

No, no. I wish! We needed some bare skin to test the lighting on, so I said, "Well, fuck it." I took my shirt off to do the skin test myself, you know? The guy who takes this girl out on a date in the story is actually the star of my new film, *Cheatin'*. I thought it would be a nice bit of synchronicity to put him in there with this beautiful model and let him get his rocks off.

Did you ever live out your fantasy and get laid at a drive-in?

Yes!

How was it?

It was great.

What was the movie?

I have no idea [laughs]. Probably *Planet of the Apes* or something totally archaic.

Are people missing something today by not having drive-ins to fuck at?



Yeah, absolutely. It was a wonderful, wonderful experience. It's really difficult to do it in a regular cinema, and where else are you going to do it if you're in school and you don't have a pad or anyplace to go? A movie is a good excuse to take a girl out and then, you know, *things happen*.

Do you draw your female film characters from live models or do they come from your imagination?

For my second animated feature, *I Married a Strange Person!*, I wanted the characters to look fairly realistic, so I hired models to go topless—actually bottomless, too—to get the perspective and the shading and everything right. After about two or three months of drawing, I really knew the characters so well that I didn't need to have the models pose. I just pretty much drew from my memory and my imagination. Occasionally I'll have models come in, but basically all my drawings are pretty much from memory because they're not so realistic now. They're more stylized. They're more what's the word?

Plymptonian?

Yeah, Plymptonian—that's a good word, yeah!

How did the choice of Julia Ann reflect what you find sexy in a woman?

When they asked me to choose a model, I used a cartoon character as an example. I said, "I'm looking for a Jessica Rabbit type." Actually, I said I was looking for a cross between Jayne Mansfield and Jessica Rabbit.

Julia Ann definitely has the



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bombshell look. Is the classic bombshell what you find sexy in real life?

I love bombshells. What can I say? That, to me, is a great turn-on. I reached puberty in the fifties, the era of Marilyn Monroe, Mamie Van Doren, Jayne Mansfield, Gina Lollobrigida, and Sophia Loren. They were my inspiration. But it's funny now, because a lot of my [animator/cartoonist] buddies, who are younger, are more inspired by the Kate Moss kind of woman and by Victoria's Secret models. It's a different kind of model that they use for their sexy women. They're not so curvaceous. So I guess I'm a product of fifties puberty. I'm glad that Kate Upton's around, because she's one of the few really sexy women who are modeling today. She's definitely a turn-on for me.

There's a lot of politically correct talk these days about women's bodies. There's fat-shaming, there's skinny-shaming—everybody's supposed to feel all this shame about how they look. Do you think that women built like Kate Moss really affect the way women look at themselves more so than, say, the way that male models and athletes and actors affect how men look at themselves?

I would say that now there also seems to be a big emphasis for males to have the six-pack and the great build. Back when I was in school it was more like Troy Donahue, more of a simple physique. A normal physique. Now it's much more exaggerated, much more bulked up. Speaking for myself, yeah, I do feel the pressure to adapt to look like these models, so I would guess that women also feel that kind of pressure to look like the cover girls, the big buxom girls, or the models.

You often go out and meet your fans at Comic-Con and fan-oriented cosplay events where people show up in costume. Not every girl who's dressing up like Wonder Woman is built like Lynda Carter. There are a lot of BBW [big beautiful women] getting their rocks off and dressing like these superheroes. That must be interesting to see.

Oh, absolutely. Yeah, I love that. It's part of the humor. Everybody goes to Comic-Con with a sense of humor and playfulness. It's fun for me to talk to these ladies and guys. They're chubby Superman guys and Wonder Women. That's always fun to watch!



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MUST-HAVE WORKOUT GEAR

Get fit and look good doing it. • By Joe Vennare

Since the beginning of time, there have been a few questions mankind has struggled to answer: What is the meaning of life? Is there life on other planets? How do you talk your girlfriend into a threesome?

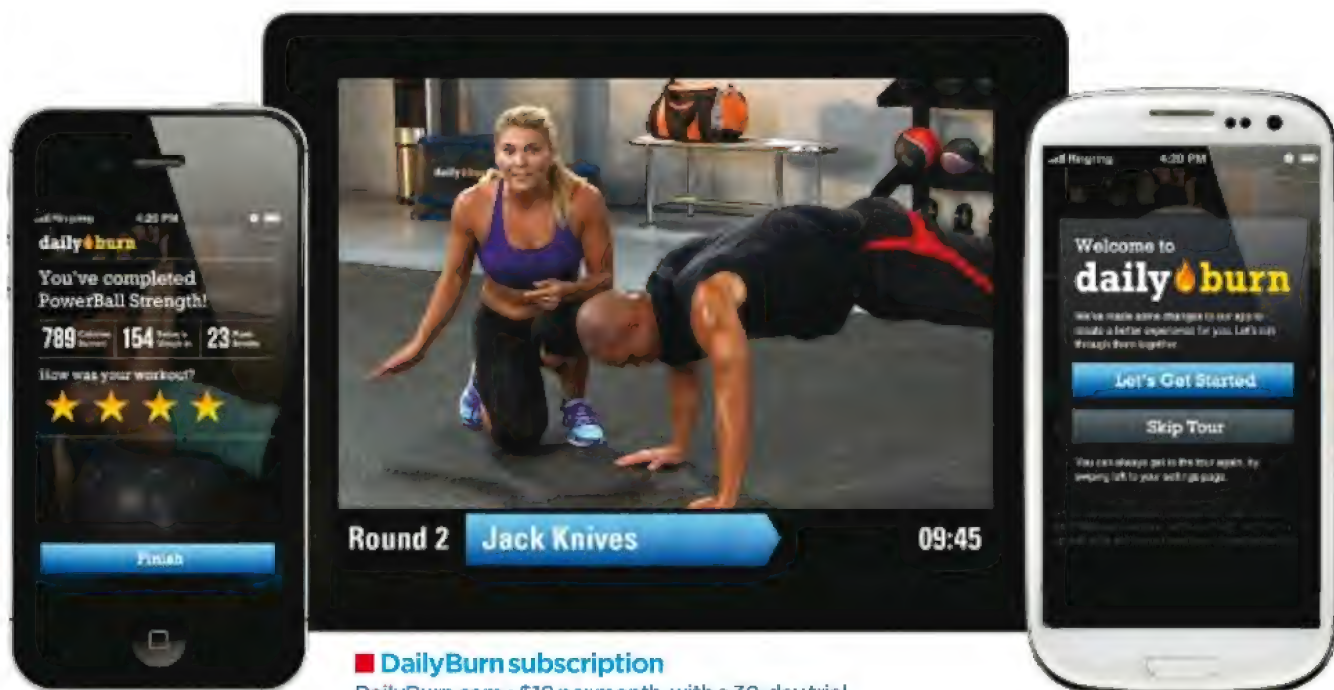
While these questions are ever present, this is the time of year when another set of ponderings takes precedence, like what the heck are you going to buy for everyone on your gift list?

For the most part, you're on your own with that one. Notice I said "for the most part." But if you're buying a badass gift for your college buddy or brother, your pops or office pal, you're in luck. Or if you're scoping out the gift scene so you can leave some hints that will score you this year's top fitness tech and workout tools, keep reading, you sneaky bastard.

Finally, ladies, if you've stumbled upon this list while doing some gift-

giving (or pleasure-delivering) detective work of your own, you have the opportunity to come through with the greatest gift of all time. Stop reading and backtrack to the aforementioned third existential question (i.e., the threesome).

Threesomes aside, we guys are simple. We want to look better, feel better, and perform better in all facets of life. And to that end, this gift guide is composed of health and fitness products that will deliver big time.



■ DailyBurn subscription

DailyBurn.com • \$10 per month, with a 30-day trial

There are two main reasons we don't exercise: One, we don't have time; two, we don't know how. Driving to the gym takes time. Getting a personal trainer costs money. The solution is to get fit while saving time and money. That's why you need a subscription to DailyBurn, a streaming-video service that supplies workouts from elite trainers on any device, any-time, anywhere. A subscription to DailyBurn is like giving the gift of exercise. Anyone who chooses not to use it has to own up to being lazy—no excuses.

■ UP24 wristband

Jawbone.com • \$150

"Big data" is such a buzzword these days. At the office, HR is tracking things like productivity. Online, websites are monitoring every move you make. And now, with wearable fitness technologies like the UP24, we can apply the same mechanisms to our lives. Rock this wristband and you'll have access to personalized, real-time data about movement and sleep, meals and mood, delivered directly to your smartphone via an app.





■ Rogue kettle bells

RogueFitness.com • 35-pounder: \$47.86; 53-pounder: \$62.50

If the online workouts aren't hard-core enough, eliminate your time and money excuses with one piece of equipment—a kettle bell. This cannonball-shaped weight with a handle is designed to be a total-body fitness tool, one that torches fat and builds muscle at the same time. Fellas just starting out can test their fitness mettle with a 35-pound kettle bell, before upgrading to a 53-pounder once they've mastered the form. Expect to see results after three or four 20-minute training sessions. When you wrap up your workout—after you catch your breath and the room stops spinning—slide this weight out of the way under the bed, or tuck it in the closet until the next time you want to whip your ass into shape.




■ GRID X foam roller

TPTherapy.com • \$50

When it comes to recovering from a workout or long bouts of sitting, plain old stretching—like bending over and trying to touch your toes—leaves a lot to be desired. If you're sore from desk work or a hard workout, TriggerPoint's GRID X foam roller can un-fuck your mashed muscles. Rolling around on the ridges and bumps can improve blood flow, loosen stiff muscles, and help repair muscular imbalances. It's like having a live-in massage therapist (happy ending sold separately).

■ Lululemon ABC pants

Lululemon.com • \$128

You might not know the brand, but you know their work: yoga pants. This company built a business around top-notch yoga pants for women. Then, somehow, they made it socially acceptable for ladies to wear said spandex anywhere. (Thank God.) Now, Lululemon is stepping up their men's-gear game. And know this—it's legit. Comfort, function, and style shine in a line of clothing made so guys can transition between office, urban, and exercise environments. Exhibit A: the ABC (read: anti-ball-crushing) pants. It's guy gear made to fit a guy's gear. 





The annual onslaught of holiday releases is upon us. Survive the assault with our big breakdown of the games made just for you.

By Crispin Boyer

Lock and Load

Let the lead fly in these high-caliber shooters.



Far Cry 4

Ubisoft (Xbox One, Xbox 360, PS4, PS3, PC)

The good guy: Ajay Ghale, a Nepali native who's fulfilling his mother's dying wish.

The bad guys: Fashionista dictator Pagan Min and his royal guard.

The gear: Wingsuit, mountaineering grapple, bomber gyrocopter—everything you need for the ultimate Himalayan expedition.

The gist: Judge this by its cover and you'd half expect to encounter Tim Gunn and his *Project Runway* contestants squabbling over a banana republic (as in a Third World country, not the store for moderately priced preppy-wear). That's not far off the mark. Your hero is swept into a coup against a stylish despot famous for both his hot temper and his haute couture. True to the *Far Cry* formula, it delivers an open-world sandbox filled with play-your-way missions mixed with a trip to the zoo. Take a break from sniping goons to hunt big-game animals, ride elephants into battle, and harness other critters in ways PETA will certainly protest.



Destiny

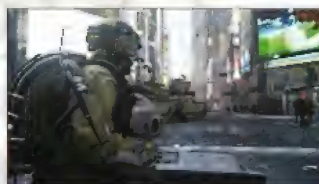
Activision (Xbox One, Xbox 360, PS4, PS3)

The good guys: Guardians, soldiers defending the last city on Earth.

The bad guys: Alien monsters that have taken over mankind's colonies across the solar system.

The gear: Futuristic sniper rifles, hand cannons, shotguns, rocket launchers—one of the largest arsenals of any shooter.

The gist: The first new game from Bungie, the studio that masterminded the mega-selling *Halo* series, is set hundreds of years in the future, after humanity is saved from extinction by a mysterious mechanical mini moon that parks itself over a Russian city. Unlike with the *Halo* games, the universe here is shared by other players. You can team up with friends or strangers for "public events" that push along the campaign's story, dive into smaller cooperative boss fights with friends, or simply go off on your own adventure. And while it's a shooter at heart, *Destiny* shares roleplaying elements with games like *Diablo*.



Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare

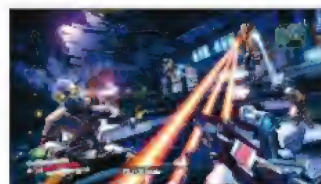
Activision (Xbox One, Xbox 360, PS4, PS3, PC)

The good guys: Advanced soldiers with the Atlas Corporation, a private military company.

The bad guys: Terrorists of the year 2054.

The gear: Strength-boosting exoskeleton, vehicles, futuristic guns.

The gist: Set in a plausible future when private militaries police the world, this sequel enlists players in a corporate army and equips them with ability-boosting exoskeletons and smart weaponry inspired by modern warfare. It's the standard setup for the series, but the souped-up suits here—more like something out of Tony Stark's lab—are a game changer. They let you slam into enemies, boost out of harm's way, grapple buildings for a fast escape, and cloak for temporary invisibility. These abilities extend into the cooperative and multiplayer modes, and help even the odds for players who didn't grow up on the virtual battlefield.



Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel!

2K Games (Xbox 360, PS3, PC)

The good guys: Handsome Jack (in his pre-megalomaniac phase) and his four henchmen.

The bad guys: Aliens on Pandora's moon and your ever-diminishing air supply.

The gear: Elemental lasers, cryo weapons that flash-freeze enemies so you can smash them to smithereens.

The gist: This prequel rewinds time so you can watch (and help) Handsome Jack become the twisted villain players were primed to despise in *Borderlands 2*. Pick a henchman (or henchwoman) and grind your way through Jack's plot to escape Pandora and capture the Hyperion moon base, leveling up skills and gathering loot along the way. The real star of this installment is the low-gravity environment. Air-tank boosts and jump pads help you claim the high ground. Gather your bros (via hop-in/hop-out online play or split-screen co-op on the couch) to slay together in this seamless multiplayer.

Couples Therapy

Get your girlfriend off your back by getting her to join in with these chick-friendly games.



Just Dance 2015

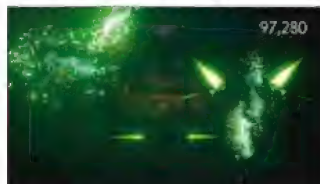
Ubisoft (Xbox One, Xbox 360, PS4, PS3, Wii U, Wii)

The good guy: You, for agreeing to one more Miley Cyrus song before breaking out *Call of Duty*.

The bad guys: Online lotharios who try to lure your lady into joining their virtual dance crews.

The gear: Motion-sensing gear (the Xbox's Kinect, PS3's EyeToy, etc.) is required to play.

The gist: Resign yourself to spending some time proving to your lady that you've got all the right moves (or at least the ability to sway in sync with on-screen cues). Hey, life could be worse. There's also a Karaoke mode for the rhythmically challenged, a Sweat mode to burn off those holiday calories, and a new online Challenger mode that records your best performances and invites strangers to out-groove them. Plus, it has the most diverse tunes list yet—everything from Aerosmith/Run-DMC's "Walk This Way" to the oddball "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)" by Ylvis.



Fantasia: Music Evolved

Disney Interactive (Xbox One, Xbox 360)

The good guy: You, the new apprentice to the sorcerer.

The bad guy: A distortion-emanating force called the Noise that's set on harshing your groove.

The gear: You'll need a Kinect motion sensor to play on the Xbox 360.

The gist: Inspired by 1940's *Fantasia*, the original acid-trip cartoon, this new take on the old rhythm genre is the perfect gateway game for any Disney-loving significant other. The game is set against stark backdrops that you bring to life by moving in rhythm to music and "conducting" everything around you. Touch or trace objects in the background to trigger musical flourishes that soup up the current tune. The whole experience is trippy, simple, and easy, so you don't have to worry about frustration setting in by the fifth tune.



LittleBigPlanet 3

Sony (PS4)

The good guys: Creepily charismatic Sackboy and his pals OddSock, Swoop, and Toggle.

The bad guys: Three evil Titans out to ruin the planet Bunkum.

The gear: World-bending traps you design yourself in Create mode.

The gist: Cuddle up with your lady and let the creative juices flow in this latest installment of the DIY series. The level-editing tools have been tweaked to take advantage of the PS4 controller and its sharing functions, making it easier to build, play, and then disseminate the levels you create. Despite the streamlined interface, Create mode is deeper than ever before (literally deeper, thanks to the greater freedom of Z-axis gameplay plumbing the 3-D depths of the screen). With only the size of your PS4's hard drive limiting your creativity, you and your lady can go at it all day. Or you can just skip the foreplay and dive into the Premade Story mode, or download levels from the community of the LBP-obsessed.





Adventure Quenchers

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Assassin's Creed Unity

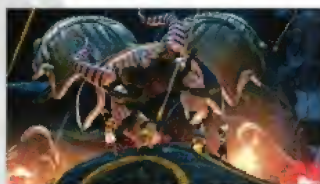
Ubisoft (Xbox One, PS4, PC)

The good guy: French assassin Arno Dorian.

The bad guys: The eighteenth-century French aristocracy.

The gear: The Phantom Blade (sort of a crossbow with a silencer and invisible arrows).

The gist: While *Unity* might feel a bit like a history lesson after the shiver-me-timbers pirate action of last year's *Black Flag*, it's a history lesson writ in blood. The action starts on the eve of the French Revolution, when our silent-but-violent antihero is contacted by the Brotherhood of Assassins to discover who is behind the uprising. Naturally, Arno's investigation requires a number of brutal assassinations. Combat this time involves finessed fencing moves rather than the cutlass-swinging kill sprees of past installments. Crowds of Parisian passersby won't make your life any easier. They'll mob you by the thousands, each one acting independently thanks to enhanced artificial intelligence. Fortunately, you can recruit a co-op ally in taverns and get help planning your next assassination.



Lara Croft and the Temple of Osiris

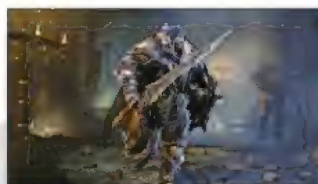
Square Enix (Xbox One, PS4, PC)

The good guys: Lara, her rival treasure hunter Carter Bell, and the deities Isis and Horus.

The bad guy: Set, an evil Egyptian god.

The gear: Lara Croft's patented arsenal of pistols, grappling hooks, grenades, and other tomb-raiding paraphernalia.

The gist: This is a different take on tomb raiding, focusing on four-way play that requires as much noggin-straining puzzle solving as bull's-eye blasting of beasts and Eurothugs. Lara and her rival, Carter Bell, succumb to a deadly curse while exploring an ancient Egyptian tomb. Together, the two team up with deity allies Isis and Horus to defuse their hexes and win fortune and glory. A clever co-op/competitive hybrid, the game forces you to work together to get 'er done, but stay on your game because you'll only find loot enough for one.



Lords of the Fallen

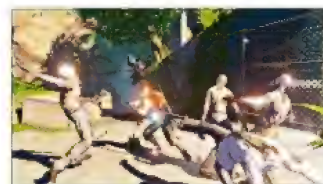
Bandai Namco (Xbox One, PS4, PC)

The good guy: Harkyn, a brooding ex-criminal.

The bad guys: Elder gods hell-bent on conquering the human realm.

The gear: Massive swords, war hammers, and other armaments stolen from a Molly Hatchet album cover.

The gist: If you're one of those masochistic gamers who survived *Dark Souls* and its punishing sequel, *Lords of the Fallen* will fill the void those adventures left in your hard-core heart. It replicates the *Dark Souls* experience right down to the controls, insane bosses, and death-around-every-corner difficulty. The one place it eases up is the addition of a magic system. Keep a potion in your pocket and you can go nuclear if you see no other way to make it out of the hordes alive. Conveniently placed checkpoints, meanwhile, let you die with dignity while saving you from replaying the last brutal hour. Not even the most die-hard *Dark Souls* fans will complain about that.



Escape Dead Island

Deep Silver (Xbox 360, PS3, PC)

The good guy: Trustafarian Cliff Calo.

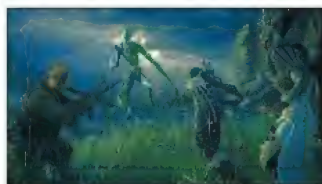
The bad guys: The recently deceased, the infectious zombie virus, Cliff's own fragile link with sanity.

The gear: A screwdriver supplemented with an arsenal of improvised weaponry.

The gist: Set as a story bridge between *Dead Island* and the upcoming *Dead Island 2*, this installment sends players to the tropical island of Narapela, ground zero of the zombie outbreak, to explore the source of the virus. But what starts as a normal tale of survival twists into a psychedelic, dreamlike adventure. The rich-kid protagonist arrives on the island armed only with a screwdriver. Since he lacks immunity to the virus, you need to rely on stealth and speed to avoid infection. But as Cliff progresses through his mission, sudden shifts in reality have him wondering whether the island is supernatural or if he's just losing his mind.

Games With Thrones

Find an ax to grind in these roleplaying titles.



Dragon Age: Inquisition

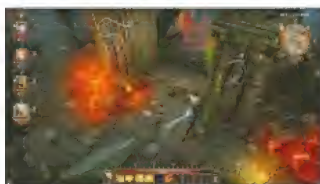
Electronic Arts (Xbox One, Xbox 360, PS4, PS3, PC)

The good guy: The Inquisitor, grand poo-bah of the Inquisition forces.

The bad guys: The Red Templars, Venatori cult members, dragons.

The gear: Run-of-the-mill medieval weaponry mixed with explosives and other savage anachronisms.

The gist: Finally, a roleplaying game with, as the company puts it, some "mature sexual content"—provided you put in the effort of developing a fulfilling, committed relationship. That's just one of many side quests and upgrades the RPG maestros at BioWare have worked into their latest installment. A new "Tactical View" allows you to pause each battle, assign combat roles to your companions, set down some land mines, and then resume the action to see how your strategy pans out. When in doubt, you can always mount the Bog Unicorn—an undead stallion with a sword in its skull—and smite foes from the saddle.



Divinity: Original Sin

Larian Studios (PC)

The good guys: You, plus a resurrected woman and a scorned warrior.

The bad guys: An unknown but powerful group using the Source magic for nefarious purposes.

The gear: Sorcery-enhanced arms and armor.

The gist: If you spent half your adolescence tossing 20-sided dice or skulking through dungeons on your PC, *Original Sin* will be the only game you need this year. This loving homage to the time-sapping *Baldur's Gate* series lets multiple players sally forth on an epic adventure to Rivellon in search of the Source, the elemental magic used to overthrow the tyrannical Council. Think of this as a deeper version of *Diablo*, with turn-based battles that require strategy rather than constant clicking of the mouse button. And if you don't like the quest, use the included level editor to make your own.



Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor

Warner Bros. Interactive (Xbox One, Xbox 360, PS4, PS3, PC)

The good guy: Talion, a Gondorian ranger reincarnated as an immortal wraith on a quest to avenge his death.

The bad guys: Evil orc warlords who attack en masse.

The gear: Magical might, Mithril weaponry.

The gist: Set between events depicted in *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* movies (and picking up where Led Zeppelin's "Ramble On" left off, presumably), *Shadow of Mordor* sends you on an *Assassin's Creed*-style quest to dispatch orc captains and warlords across the worst neighborhood in Middle-earth. Successful assassinations disrupt the orc pecking order, leaving challengers to vie for the newly opened power positions. Playing as an undead wraith has its benefits: You can use your stealth magic to move throughout the realm in secret, but don't be afraid to get your hands dirty. A spared foe is apt to remember your encounter later in the game and use your favorite spell against you. No matter: Level up your telepathy, then kick back and watch him do your killing for you.

Jock Stars

Unleash your armchair athlete in these hard-hitting sports games.



NBA 2K15

2K Games (Xbox One, Xbox 360, PS4, PS3, PC)

The good guys: Every NBA hero—plus many foreign faces from the expanded Euroleague roster.

The bad guys: Online opponents and their custom-made MyLeague teams.

The gear: Every player's uniform and even their bad tattoos have been carefully scanned and re-created.

The gist: Court is once again in session in the battle for the best b-ball simulator between ancestral rivals *NBA 2K* and EA Sports' *NBA Live*. *NBA 2K14* dominated last year in the reviews, so this year the developers at 2K Games are taking an "if it ain't broke" approach. Most of the improvements are incremental, particularly in the areas of teammate artificial intelligence and shot control. The most obvious upgrade is to the presentation. Each player has been re-scanned and motion captured with thousands of frames of additional animation, making for the most lifelike installment in the series yet.



NBA Live 15

EA Sports (Xbox One, PS4)

The good guy: Your custom-made player, ready to go pro.

The bad guys: Online sore losers.

The gear: Official player jerseys, shoes, and accessories all recaptured for the newer systems.

The gist: This year, EA Sports is focusing solely on the next-gen systems and promising more than 500 gameplay improvements, particularly to the physics system and passing-, shooting-, and dribbling-control responsiveness. Every dunk, jostle, layup, drive, and post move in the three-point zone is now governed by a real-world physics system, deep-sixing the canned plays of past games while adding more realism to the busiest zone on the court. This installment is also more newbie-friendly (NBA All-Star Damian Lillard hosts a tutorial mode), while new Hot-Spot Challenges (which rate you on how well you can re-create real-world plays) add more variety to the online season mode.



WWE 2K15

2K Games (Xbox One, Xbox 360, PS4, PS3)

The good guys: WWE superstars old and new, from John Cena to CM Punk to Triple H.

The bad guys: Likewise, every current heel (and some classic villains).

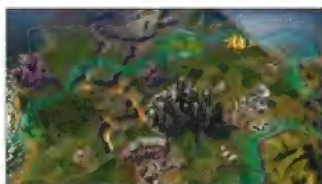
The gear: Official WWE rings, classic cheating accoutrements (ladders, folding chairs, etc.).

The gist: The first wrestling game for the powerful new consoles looks as good as it plays. Every WWE superstar (and sexy Diva) has been painstakingly motion captured and brought to fluid life with thousands of new animations, while ringside commentary from Michael Cole and Jerry Lawler completes the *Monday Night Raw* experience every night of the week. And while WWE has seen a resurgence with newer fans, old-timers will find familiar faces in the squared circle. A special 2K Showcase mode uses classic WWE footage to portray old-school rivalries (such as Triple H versus Shawn Michaels circa 2002, and John Cena and CM Punk's recent war). Players can complete historical objectives, which unlock the classic content for the normal multiplayer game.



Mind Games

Exercise your gray matter with these strategy games.



Sid Meier's Civilization: Beyond Earth

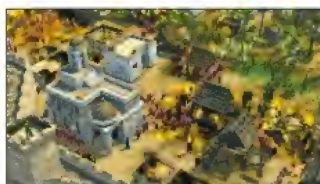
2K Games (PC, Mac)

The good guys: You and the squad you've chosen to colonize the galaxy.

The bad guys: Anyone not trying to help you is standing in your way.

The gear: Anything and everything you'll need to start a human colony on another planet.

The gist: Tracing the telemetry of Sid Meier's classic space-colonization game *Alpha Centauri*, this sequel transports the *Civilization* format from the history books to the future (no doubt giving fans of this 23-year-old franchise nerd boners). Gather your crack team of wannabe astronauts to secure funding, amass gear, point to a dot in the sky, and blast off for free-form exploration and colonization. You'd better stack your team with more than just scientists and space pilots; poor diplomacy with vying factions and alien neighbors could end your civilization as you know it.



Stronghold: Crusader 2

Firefly Studios (PC)

The good guys: The crusading forces of Richard the Lionheart or the Sultan of Syria's freedom fighters.

The bad guys: See above. The bad guys are whichever side you don't choose to control.

The gear: Lances, swords, sabers, siege engines.

The gist: This real-time strategy epic lets you cut right to the siege. Choose a side in the Middle East Crusades circa 1189 and play through a campaign to build and defend your desert kingdom while taking the fight to the enemy's gates. Like the original *Stronghold: Crusader* from 2002, the long-awaited sequel features a simple interface but deep gameplay, making it easy to amass your army and assemble trebuchets, catapults, towers, and other examples of destruction equipment. The new physics system makes for satisfying sieges as you watch the enemy's castle crumble beneath your onslaught.



Star Wars: Galactic Defense

DeNA (iPhone, iPad, Android devices)

The good guys: Jedi, Alliance Rebel scum, and other followers of the light side of the Force.

The bad guys: Sith Lords, Imperial troops, and other servants of the dark side of the Force.

The gear: Light sabers, proton torpedoes, thermal detonator, famous star fighters from that galaxy far, far away.

The gist: If you've never tried a "tower defense" title, this is the right game to get you hooked. Its mix of *Star Wars* locales (from Hoth to Tatooine to Endor), iconic characters, and familiar weaponry from all the films (yep, even the crappy prequels) gives you enough entry points for the simple-yet-deep strategic gameplay. Fortify your base as you defend against waves of light- or dark-side forces (depending on which side you choose). Battles are short enough to wage on the commute, but you'll find enough content here—more than 100 scenarios—to keep you engaged for weeks. That's not bad considering the game's price: It's free to play.

Most Valuable Plaything

Oculus Rift goggles

Oculus VR • \$350

The most-talked-about piece of gaming tech in 2014 wasn't a new console or some powerhouse PC. It's a pair of goggles that looks like virtual-reality gear as envisioned in 1995. But don't let the clunky design (which is still being refined as of press time) fool you. The headset contains high-definition displays for each eyeball, creating a three-dimensional wraparound view that shifts with your head movements without any noticeable lag. The system—which started as a Kickstarter success story before Oculus VR was acquired by Facebook—is still in development, and a consumer version won't ship until next year. But, in the meantime, you can buy a development kit that's compatible with a wide range of new and old games, from first-person shooters to flight simulators. It's really the closest you'll get to *Star Trek*'s holodeck experience in this decade. (Just hope that you don't upchuck from motion sickness.)



THE GUY'S GUIDE TO GIFTS

Is it better to give than to receive? That may well depend upon the gift, the giver, and whether or not you're on the receiving end.

By Deirdre Goldbeck

WORK AND PLAY



Keep your valuables **SentrySafe** with the company's key-lock safes. Both the medium chest (6.6 by 15.4 by 14.3 inches)—which is perfect for personal papers and valuables—and the large file (14.1 by 16.6 by 13.8 inches)—great for all those collectible issues of *Penthouse* you've been saving—are waterproof and fire-resistant up to a half hour at 1,550 degrees, and they're American-made in upstate New York. The company also makes a line of digital and gun safes. **SentrySafe.com**; chest: \$60; file: \$100



Scrubbing floors is backbreaking work, so why do it? The **Scooba 450** is capable of removing up to 99.3 percent of bacteria by sweeping, presoaking, scrubbing—at more than 600 rpms—and squeegeeing hard floors. Fill the tank and press "clean." Verbal prompts provide instructions, so you can relax and watch it negotiate its way around your kitchen. A separate **DryDock** serves as a charger and drying stand. The **Roomba 880** does for rugs what the Scooba does for hard floors. Its unique AeroForce technology ensures that the Debris Extractors break down and lift dirt, that the Airflow Accelerator concentrates airflow to multiply vacuum power, and that the High-Efficiency Vacuum maximizes power for the best cleaning possible. The robotic rug vac can be set to clean a specific room or area, and will return to the docking base to recharge when the job is done. It uses a HEPA filter to capture fine particles, and there's an indicator to alert you when the bin is full. **iRobot.com**; Scooba 450: \$600; DryDock: \$80; Roomba 880: \$700



City dwellers will tell you that sometimes the fastest way to get around is by bike. They'll also tell you that bikes take up a lot of valuable apartment space. The **Tern Node D8** is an eight-speed bike with 24-inch wheels that folds down to 15.4 by 33.9 by 33.1 inches in ten seconds. The frame is aluminum and weighs less than 30 pounds, so it's easy to fold and easy to carry down subway stairs, or onto a bus. TernBicycles.com; \$750



First-time homeowners and apartment dwellers will find almost everything they'll need to tackle any quick DIY project in the **Stanley 94-248 65-Piece Homeowner's Tool Set**. Included are a 13-ounce hammer, an 18mm snap-off knife, a tape rule, a level, long-nose and slip-joint pliers, a Phillips- and a flat-head screwdriver, 16 hex keys, one 1/4-inch round-head ratchet, eight 1/4-inch sockets, one spinner handle, one bit holder, and 30 bits. Tools stay in place inside a hard-molded portable case that measures only 16 by 10 by 3.3 inches and weighs 7.4 pounds. Amazon.com; \$35



When it comes to driving screws, a drill might not be the first thing you reach for. But the **20V MAX Lithium cordless drill with AutoSense** eliminates the guesswork by sensing when the screw's head is flush with the surface, so it will stop exactly where it should. It has an automatic clutch that improves accuracy, and it's compact and lightweight. There's even an LED light on the bottom of the drill to illuminate the work area. Plus, it will hold a charge for up to 18 months, and the indicator lets you know when to recharge. The charger and battery are included. Store.BlackandDecker.com; \$80



Even if you can't carry a tune, **Singtrix** can do for you what Auto-Tune does for some of your favorite artists. This machine lets you add professional-sounding background vocals and harmonies using your own voice with the Hit Effect button. You can choose from more than 300 different effects, create karaoke tracks from standard songs, and sing along with tunes from your MP3 player, phone, or tablet. You'll never sound better. Sinatrix.com; \$350



Add a little class to game night with the **Luxury Edition Monopoly board game**. It's the classic real-estate game encased in a footed wood-veneer cabinet, with two built-in drawers: one holds dice, game pieces, and cards; the other works as a pull-out cash tray for the banker. The game measures 23.5 by 23.5 inches and weighs 19 pounds. BalsamHill.com; \$249

■ MANNING THE KITCHEN



The **IMUSA Dim Sum Steamer Set** is all you need to create a quick, healthy meal your date will love. Place the bamboo steamer in a wok or a wide pan with deep sides. Fill the pan with enough water to reach the halfway mark just below the bottom of the lowermost layer. Let the water come to a boil, then place dim sum or pot stickers (which you can buy ready-made), seafood, or veggies in the steamer. Your food cooks in minutes. The set includes a large steamer and three minis. Serve dinner directly from the steamer. Target.com; \$30



Soberdough Brew Bread makes baking easy: Just add beer, nonalcoholic beer, or seltzer; stir; and bake for 45 minutes. Each mix is all-natural and soy-, dairy-, and nut-free. There are nine flavors, including Buffalovin' Wing, Cinnful Raisin, Green Chile Cheddar, and Honey Wheat, with online suggestions for beer-and-bread pairings for nondrinkers, novices, and enthusiasts. And let's face it—you'll impress the hell out of your overnight guest when she wakes up to the aroma of freshly baked bread. That's a win-win for you, buddy. Soberdough.com; \$8 to \$48



If you're ready to take that next step in the kitchen and actually cook a meal, **Man Made Meals: The Essential Cookbook for Guys** by Steven Raichlen is the next best thing to having your own personal instructor. This is more than just a cookbook, as it includes detailed instructions on prepping and cooking things like chicken, steaks, and seafood, plus the use of kitchen tools and knives—everything you need to know to prepare a meal for yourself, or to impress your date. Amazon.com and BarnesAndNoble.com; \$17.10



The modern industrial look of the **Krups T.8 Moka Brewer** isn't the only thing that will appeal to your taste. You'll love the full-bodied coffee delivered by its unique steam-extraction brewing method, too. Water is heated by the stainless-steel heating element in the base, then driven up through the side channels. When it travels down through the oversize showerhead, the spray is wide enough to saturate all of the coffee in the permanent filter, and it will maintain your brew at the optimum temperature of 187 degrees in the one-liter carafe. Amazon.com and specialty retailers; \$150



The **Blendtec Designer 725** will inspire creativity beyond mere milk shakes and smoothies. The touch screen has a 100-speed slider so you can adjust blending speeds, and it lets you know when it's operating at the correct velocity for the job at hand. Grind coffee, whip cream, or make your own salsa. SmartBlend technology alerts you to potential problems like loading errors or overheating. It also offers both manual and preprogrammed options, and it's supereasy to clean. Blendtec.com; \$650

You'll need a proper set of knives for slicing and dicing, once you really get into cooking.

Wüsthof is celebrating its 200th anniversary by offering a set of knives truly worthy of your new kitchen skills. The set includes a 9-inch cook's knife and a 3.5-inch paring knife, both with razor-sharp, high-carbon steel blades and elegant yet durable rosewood handles that are secured with three brass rivets. These knives come in their own gift box with care instructions and oil to help maintain the blades. Wusthof.com/USA; \$200



FEELING HOT



If last winter was enough to make you want to relocate to the tropics, let the **Mission Parka** help you weather those arctic temps. It's filled with a mix of 70 percent goose down and 30 percent PrimaLoft polyester for a comfort rating of 5 to -13 degrees Fahrenheit. The high collar and hood protect against wind and snow, and the mid-length works for commuting or going to the stadium.

ShopWestcomb.com; \$550



You don't have to be a runner to appreciate everything the **Utopia 3-in-1 Mittens II** have to offer. When worn together, the mittens and glove liners provide suitable warmth for temps 40 degrees and below. The outer shell is waterproof and wind-resistant, with a reflective strip for night running, and the liners are made of moisture-wicking fabric. The index fingers have touch-screen fabric on the pads and the thumbs are tipped with absorbent terry cloth for swiping away moisture. BrooksRunning.com; \$48

The next best thing to a good pair of boots might be **ProFLEX ThermaCELL Heated Insoles**. These flexible insoles are water-resistant, and have removable batteries that charge via wall outlet or a USB port. The batteries will last up to five hours, and a remote control lets you choose a medium or high temperature setting, or no heat. The remote, charger, and two batteries are included, and you can purchase an additional charger with batteries.

ThermaCELL.com; \$180



Whether you're waiting outside for an overdue bus or walking several blocks to catch a train in the dead of winter, keeping your feet warm and dry is essential.

Teva's Highline WP boots are waterproof and seam-sealed to keep the worst of winter out, while the comfy suede and thermal lining maintain warmth. Rugged soles help keep you upright on icy streets. Size range is 7 to 14. Teva.com; \$130

THE BARE NECESSITIES



The **Philips Norelco Shaver Series 9000** may have been five years in the making, but shaving is serious business and improvements are always welcome. In addition to moving independently, the three flexible shaving heads now rotate in eight different directions, capturing 20 percent more hairs on each pass, and the newly configured V-track blades cut 30 percent closer, even in hard-to-reach places. Also new are the one-touch SmartClean System that cleans, dries, charges, and lubricates the shaver; and the DualFilter system that removes hairs, foam, and gel so you'll always get the best shave possible. [Amazon.com: \\$249](#)



If you prefer to take a more traditional approach to shaving, **Jack Black's Double Edge Safety Razor** might meet your needs. This German-engineered razor is handcrafted and may look like a work of art, but it's designed to give you a close shave with more glide and less skin irritation. The handle has a bit more length than average for a better grip and easier handling, and the chrome accents won't dull or tarnish. It comes with one double-edged cartridge.

[Amazon.com: \\$125](#)

The **Jack Black Core Collection** includes Pure Clean Daily Facial Cleanser, Beard Lube Conditioning Shave, and Double-Duty Face Moisturizer with SPF 20. It makes a great companion gift to the razor. [Amazon.com: \\$52](#)



The **Edge** from **MINUS-8** has an elegant yet understated appearance. The watch is powered by a Japanese quartz movement, and the 44mm case, dial, and link bracelet are made from PVD-coated stainless steel with a monochromatic finish for an overall seamless look. This water-resistant (up to ten ATM) machine has a 37mm sapphire-crystal face and a stop-watch that can count down in minutes, seconds, and tenths of a second. Five-second intervals are etched on the case's exterior. Minus8Watch.com; **\$298**



Adjusting your belt during the holiday season shouldn't involve punching additional holes to accommodate your extra food intake. **Mission Belts** adjust every 1/4 inch to provide a perfect fit: Just slide the end through the buckle to the right notch along the inside of the belt, then lock the buckle in place. Push the release on the buckle and you can easily loosen or tighten the belt. No holes involved. The belts are made of genuine leather and come in two widths: 35mm and 40mm. The boxed gift set includes three belts with interchangeable buckles in different colors. And one more thing: One dollar from every Mission Belt sold goes to fight global hunger and poverty. MissionBelt.com; **\$100**



One of the recent additions to **SPY Optic's Crosstown Collection** of sunglasses are the **Hennepin** shades. These aren't just another pair of classic, matte-black frames with gray-green polar lenses. SPY uses its patented Happy Lens technology—a color- and contrast-enhancing lens that's been scientifically designed to promote alertness and a positive attitude by allowing mood-enhancing, long-wave blue light into your eyes. It could be the perfect way to chase away the winter doldrums. SpyOptics.com; **\$170**

GIFTS FOR THE MILITARY

Here are just a few suggestions to help you thank a family member or friend for their service.

By Deirdre Goldbeck

■ Care Packages

You can put together a box loaded with goodies yourself (see Don't Forget the Small Stuff, below), or order a gift basket that's already prepared and ready to ship.

CHAPTER I

THE year 1866 was signalled by a remarkable incident, a mysterious and puzzling phenomenon, which doubtless no one has yet forgotten. Not to mention rumours which agitated the maritime population and excited the public mind, even in the interior of continents, seafaring men were particularly excited. Merchants, common sailors, captains of vessels, skippers, both of Europe and America, naval officers of all countries, and the Governments of several States on the two continents, were deeply interested in the matter.

For some time past vessels had been met by "an enormous thing," a long object, spindle-shaped, occasionally phosphorescent, and infinitely larger

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■ Kindle Voyage

Everyone enjoys a good mystery or a steamy sex scene now and then. A **Kindle Voyage** with Wi-Fi and free 3G wireless—and a sturdy cover—makes a great gift. The service works in more than 100 countries and there are no fees. Preload it with the person's favorite reading material, or include a gift-card balance so they can select books and periodicals. The six-inch display with Carta e-paper technology is easy to read—day or night—and the device has a long battery life and weighs in at only 6.6 ounces. Content can be read in eight languages. Everything is stored on the Amazon Cloud, but the device will hold more than 1,000 books at a time. That's plenty of room for a few *Penthouse* eBooks, too!



■ GourmetGiftBaskets.com

This company offers two selections designed specifically for the military. The **Healthy Care Package** (above left) includes 14 items, like Cheerios, Quaker Instant Oatmeal snacks, Healthy Choice microwavable soup, a Poland Spring sport-top bottle, and the company's own Metropolitan trail mix. The **Snacks Care Package** (right) has 21 items, including Super Bubble Gum, Atomic Fireballs, Twizzlers, Old Dominion Buttered Peanut Crunch, and Chips Ahoy chocolate-chip cookies. They're \$35 each. Plus, just for *Penthouse* readers, enter the one-time-use promo code **PH15** during checkout, and you'll get a 15 percent discount on anything on the site.



■ HickoryFarms.com

Warm and Hearty Welcome, Festive Cheese Sampler, Colossal Cashews, and Beef and Turkey Hickory Sampler are just a few of the tasty gifts you can send to a member of the military. There are a total of 11 to choose from, with prices ranging from \$20 to \$55. But the best thing is that these items can be shipped free of charge to APO and FPO addresses.

■ Don't Forget the Small Stuff

It's easy to take the everyday things you have ready access to for granted. But to someone overseas, those little things can make a world of difference. Items like small pads of paper, journals, pens, drawing pencils, decks of cards, poker chips, dominoes, yo-yos, Frisbees, or baseballs and mitts will help pass the time and boost morale. And, of course, even if you don't know someone in the military, there are organizations that accept donations and will use yours to purchase everything from Chapstick to prepaid phone cards for the troops. ☛



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One Man's Junk...

... becomes another man's treasure. ICON Derelict projects turn the "barn find" into a modern daily driver, while leaving it looking as "found" as possible.

By Jonathan Ward

ICON Derelict projects are designed to celebrate the romance of the "barn find" classic car, even as it's turned into a modern daily driver. This does not mean paint it red, add flames, shove in a V-8 engine, and install ugly AC vents that hang down from the dash. The point is to leave it looking as "found" as possible. Given the extent of the modifications and engineering required, it takes a ton of work to make it look like we did nothing. These Derelict builds are not for everyone, but that's part of the fun. One thing's for sure—they make everyone smile.

One of my top Derelict projects is this 1948 Buick Super Convertible, which represents the streamlined, prewar styling that has always been one of my favorite design languages. We discovered this car in Pennsylvania, sitting in a garage since 1958. Original paint, healthy patina, and no rust—a perfect start!

The transformation required everything from vintage tools and conventional welding to laser scanning and custom crafting. The first step was to remove the body from the original chassis and lock it into a fixed, suspended location. Then we used scanning technology to capture the dimensions of all surfaces on the bottom of the car, which enabled us to model the car digitally. Then we partnered with the

mechanical engineers at Art Morrison Enterprises to develop a robust, modern chassis designed to be bolted to the original body with no visible modifications.

To make this monster move, we put in a 6.2-liter supercharger LS9 (638 horsepower/604 foot-pounds of torque) engine and the GM 4L85E SuperMatic four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive. Installing such a booming engine involved a lot more than just buying it and tossing it in. With this level of performance, the engine required such modern advancements as an air-to-water intercooler, a dry-sump oil system, and tons of plumbing and electrical components. Conveniently, the Buick's huge engine bay allowed us to integrate all these systems without

creating clutter and causing future maintenance hassles. And just for fun, we tailored a custom aluminum cover to give the engine a bit of vintage character.

Then we installed Wilwood high-performance four-wheel disc brakes featuring slotted and vented rotors, six-piston front calipers, and four-piston rears. These big, modern brakes never would have fit the Buick's stock wheels, so we custom-made new wheels out of solid chunks of billet aluminum. We powder-coated them in a warm, aged burgundy color and finished them with custom-constructed spun-stainless-steel hubcaps; then we acid-etched the vintage Buick font into the metal. We completed the




package by installing ZR-designated BFGoodrich Zforce tires, giving the Buick the maximum speed rating of 150-plus miles per hour. To accommodate the added muscle, we chose a triangulated four-bar rear system, plus an IFS Sport front suspension with sway bars to make sure all that power remains refined and manageable.

With the mechanical systems fit and factored, we were able to focus our attention on the interior. First, we converted all the vehicle's analog features to modern electric-motor systems and added a master-control bank of switches on the driver's door for the power windows. We also added a center console with a phone port and the ever-necessary cup holders. (How did people drink coffee on their way to work back in the old days?) We replaced the front- and rear-seat structure with TempurPedic mattress foam—one of my favorite tricks—wrapped and finished in Moore & Giles leather, specially crafted for home-interior use. The quality of this leather is on a whole different level than the conventional automotive stuff. Plus, it's not UV-stable, so it will fade and age with the car over time, adding to its patina charm.


But my favorite project on this car



was completely rethinking the center-dash AM speaker panel. We laser-cut and modified this panel to appear stock until the driver taps on the upper crossbar, causing it to articulate down and reveal a modern touch-screen audio system complete with Bluetooth, a navigation system, and the like. The old switch knobs were modified to interface with the newly overhauled system. Since we killed the original location of the mono speaker, we used Mercedes 300SL speaker housings to fit rear speakers and perforated the leather on the front doors to hide the front speakers. The bass went in the trunk behind a false wall.

It took more than 2,500 hours to design, model, fabricate, and integrate everything, but it's now a daily driver in San Francisco, and I bet it will outlast all the leased luxury cars it blows by on the open road. 





OF [pet of the month]

play misty for me

Misty Stone has shot scenes for *Penthouse* for a couple of years (see her galleries and scenes at Penthouse.com, and in the digital publication *Sex Tour 2014*, available at PenthouseMagazine.com/psp), but shooting a pictorial for the magazine is a career high—pun fully intended—for the 420-friendly model. She tells us, "I think *Penthouse* suits me perfectly. I always say I'm 'classy but nasty,' so what better magazine to pose for? And I was chosen to represent a whole month!"

Photographs by Holly Randall





"The biggest turn-on for me is a guy with control, swag, and authority. Knowing he's in charge makes my panties moist—immediately! My personality is strong, so it's nice to be submissive for a change."









"The most exciting place I've ever had sex is on a baseball field. Granted, it was while shooting a scene for a movie, but the idea of being in a public place and possibly getting caught was very exciting."





"If I could live anywhere, I'd test the waters of Jamaica. When my mind is muddled, I listen to reggae music, and the local "medicine" helps me resolve issues. And no one has better-seasoned food! I love good people, good music, and good food, so I'm taking my ass to Jamaica."







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"I would love to visit France and Australia because I've heard they really like chocolate, baby. I'm intrigued by the idea of a foreign lover. I want to learn more about the world, and what better place to start than with the men?"

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NUDER MY **GOD** TO THEE

What would Jesus do? According to one pastor, he'd go to church nude.

By Amos Moses



What could be more natural? The congregation at the White Tail Chapel in Ivor, Virginia, has initiated clothing-optional religious services. This is slightly less astounding when you consider that the chapel is on the premises of the White Tail Resort, "a family nudist community" and "Virginia's only year-round nudist resort." But still.

Pastor Allen Parker cites a host of good reasons to worship in the nude:

1. Christ was born nude (but then, we must point out, who wasn't?), was crucified nude, and left his clothing behind in the tomb upon resurrection, thus plainly indicating a preference for nakedness. (We would add that he also, like many nudists, wore sandals.)

2. It's less pretentious than worshipping in your Sunday best and encourages a feeling of equality among the congregation—unless, we assume, the guy in the next pew is noticeably better endowed than you.

3. "If God made us that way, how can that be wrong?"

The chapel has even hosted nude wedding services ... but then, they're nudists. They do everything naked. It's not just naked church, it's water volleyball, karaoke, hot tubs, Wii bowling, darts, and the Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pickup—which we would prefer they didn't do nude. Naked dudes bending over to pick up trash by the roadside might cause accidents.

It's good to know that the White Tail Resort is open year-round, and that we can go there, ditch our clothes as Jesus would, and get taken care of, body and soul. We just hope we can convince some of the Pets to join us. Ladies?

TRACKING **PORN** TRENDS

By **Melissa Petro**

Into schoolgirls with shaved pussies? How very 2008 of you! That's according to Porngram, the data tool that allows users to map the rise and fall of porn trends. It's being called the Google Trends of adult content, and is a way to see what we search for when no one is looking.

The Porngram tool was built off a data set gathered from almost 800,000 porn videos uploaded to select adult-entertainment websites from 2008 through 2012. By scraping the titles, tags, descriptions, view counts, comments, runtimes, upload dates (if available), and uploader usernames, and then quantitatively analyzing what they found, an interdisciplinary team of researchers hoped to better understand the classification of X-rated materials, and perhaps even shed new light on human sexuality.

Besides noting the frequency of various words and their popularity, researchers also used the data to draw semantic connections ("midget," for example, is likely to

appear in videos also tagged as "funny"), as well as track trends across time. Some interesting results: 37 out of the 100 most-viewed videos on one of the sites have "mom" or "mother" in the title; "BDSM" has become the term for marketing movies to those of us who like it rough; "girl" is used more frequently than "woman," but "boy" is used considerably less frequently than "man"; "feminist" porn only became a defined thing in 2012, whereas "hipster" porn debuted in 2009 and has been soaring in popularity ever since.

And why is knowing all this useful? Well, some experts speculate that a better understanding of the demand side of porn may positively inform its production, giving customers more of what they want. As the above examples illustrate, it might also be worthwhile to consider how pop culture or even sociopolitical trends are making their way into our bedrooms and between the sheets.

"What's wrong with having a dick in my mouth?" —Sofia Vergara,

responding to @mamaowl_kirby's tweet, "Sophia Vergara sounds like she has a d**k in her mouth. I hate hearing her talk," in Mean Tweet #7, on *Jimmy Kimmel Live*.




PHOTOGRAPH BY (TOP RIGHT) JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES

ANCHOR **AWEIGH**

By **Reverend Jen**

Sometimes things can go from *The Love Boat* to *The Poseidon Adventure* in a few lustful minutes. Captain Craig Gallo, 51, of New Jersey, found this out the hard way when he left the helm of his vessel to engage in a drunken three-way below deck. He and his buddy James Benenato, 60, were getting crunk at a tiki party at the Arrow Yacht Club in Queens when they picked up Mary Ann Belson, also 60. The captain then invited both Belson and Benenato on a "midnight cruise" aboard his fishing boat moored next door. Before long, clothes came off, and the boat started rocking. What ensued was far less depressing than *Titanic*, though it still ended in a crash.

While the trio of pleasure pirates were presumably having *aaargasm*s, the vessel plowed into runway approach lights at La Guardia Airport. Gallo and Belson were treated for minor injuries, while Benenato was uninjured. Photos taken after the crash showed a dozen or so beer cans strewn about the deck and cabin, along with sheets and clothing. Gallo later lost both his boating and motor-vehicle licenses.

Take heed, sailors: Even if you're Captain Stubing, it's best to keep your hands on the wheel. As a *New York Post* source stated, "There's a moral here: If you're feeling amorous aboard a boat, I suggest you drop your anchor before you drop your pants." 

Masturbation Can Make You Smarter

Our sister website, **AdultFriendFinder.com**, is providing a sensual, steamy, and stimulating way for its Gold members to increase their sexual skills, as well as their sexual satisfaction. This month we talk about the best gift you can ever give yourself: guilt-free masturbation.

By Ava Cadell, PhD



When it comes to sexual pleasure, sometimes it's necessary to take matters into your own hands—literally. Nothing can clear the mind and create focus quite like masturbation does. But did you know that this sensual self-release can increase your brainpower? The key is to engage in “mindful masturbation.”

To become mindful you must do two things: slow down and pay attention. By being more aware, you create a stronger flow of energy between your body and mind; this brings about feelings of relaxation and enhanced self-esteem. Everyone wants to be with someone who feels comfortable in his or her own skin, and how you treat yourself in private carries over to how you carry yourself in public.

The act of stimulating yourself sets off sparks in 80 different regions of the brain and releases feel-good endorphins that cause feelings of physical and mental well-being. When you fully harness this power by masturbating in different positions and places, you can encourage the growth of brain cells that can make you smarter. Begin by exciting your senses with aphrodisiacal scents like lavender or vanilla, libido-enhancing snacks like chocolate or almonds, and your favorite music. Masturbating in front of a mirror or watching *Penthouse* videos enhances your visuals, and using sex toys with lube is sure to heighten your sense of touch. The more you arouse your senses, the more you inspire the nerve endings in the reward center of your brain.

To further bolster your brain, touch yourself with your nondominant hand, as this stimulates the opposite side of your brain. If you're a creative type with right-brain tendencies, using your right hand to masturbate will stimulate the left side of your brain, creating new pathways that facilitate more logical skills. If you're left-brain dominant and wish to stimulate your artistic talents, use your left hand to motivate brain-cell growth in your right-brain hemisphere.

Men and women can benefit from

masturbation with some specific techniques. For men, stimulating the prostate with a milking toy and learning to separate orgasm from ejaculation are powerful tools that strengthen the mind and make for incredible partnered sex. There are step-by-step instructions on prostate play and separating orgasm from ejaculation—which heightens pleasure and orgasmic intensity—in the Sex Academy masturbation course, along with exercises to help lengthen the penis. I have many male clients who highly recommend separating climax and ejaculation, reporting that it has improved their stamina and made them better lovers.

Women have the pleasure of experimenting with different types of orgasm, which is a real brain turn-on. The clitoris and its 8,000 nerve endings usually steals the spotlight, but women should also explore their U (urethra), A (anterior fornix), and G spots manually or with sex toys to trigger new sensations and heighten their sexual awareness. Detailed descriptions are available in the Sex Academy masturbation course and video, but I'll describe them briefly. The G spot is the spongy tissue about two inches inside the vagina on the exterior wall. When stimulated it creates a deeper, longer orgasmic

sensation than the clitoral orgasm and can result in “squirting” through the Skene's glands. The U spot is the sensitive erectile tissue around the urethra. The A spot is an inch or so above the G spot; it lubricates within seconds of stimulation.

Masturbation is also great for dealing with sexual anxiety and insecurities caused by sexual guilt or shame. Taking the time to explore what turns you on is the key to overcoming these emotional blocks. When you remove the stress of performing for a partner, you invite your brain to consider all the erotic stimulants, and your body can surrender to orgasmic bliss. It's also an erotic safer-sex couples activity, and the perfect way to see where and how you each like to be touched. I highly encourage mutual masturbation, as it can create more eroticism and intimacy, which results in more satisfying sex together.

Mindful masturbation allows your brain the freedom of expression it requires for regenerating itself, and allows for a fulfilling sex life whether you're single or in a relationship.

Check out my book *NeuroLoveology: The Power to Mindful Love & Sex* for a “braingasm.”

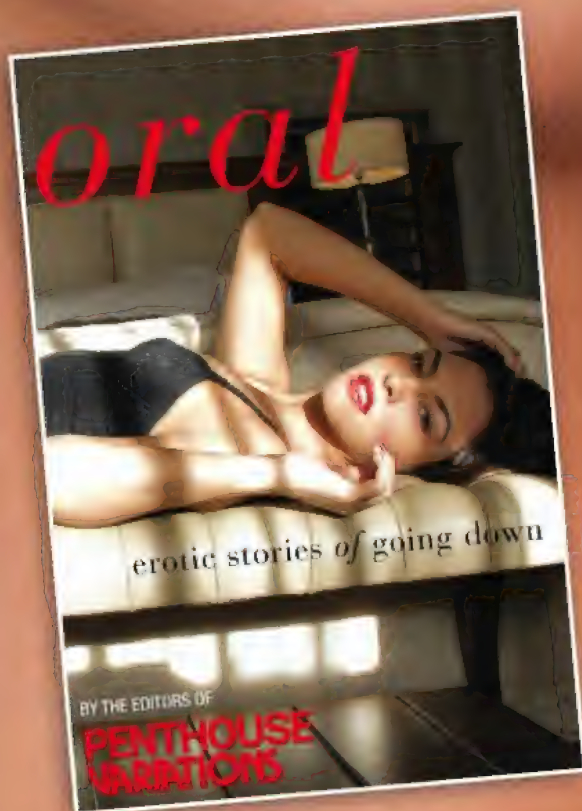


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hayden for the holidays

Our 2014 Pet of the Year Runner-Up, Hayden Hawken, helps us close out the year with what just may be the sexiest Santa photo session ever. We're sure you're all thinking along the same lines as we are: This is one Santa we want on our knee—or over it....

Photographs by Tammy Sands















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PULLING A TRAVOLTA

Following a stint on the final season of *Entourage* and a role in Woody Allen's *Blue Jasmine*, Andrew Dice Clay looks to mimic the career resurgence of one of his idols.

By John Bolster

Whether you think Andrew Dice Clay is a boundary-pushing, trailblazing comic in the mold of Lenny Bruce, or a performer who simply embraced H. L. Mencken's famous dictum about the economic advantages of underestimating the taste of the American public, you can't deny the mark he's made on pop culture. During his late-eighties heyday, Clay became the first comic to sell out Madison Square Garden two nights in a row. He generated more than \$12 million in ticket sales, opened for Guns N' Roses in front of 100,000 fans at the Rose Bowl, and got himself famously "banned for life" by MTV. Before his stand-up career took off, Clay had some success as an actor, scoring roles in *M*A*S*H*, *Pretty in Pink*, and Michael Mann's *Crime Story*. So perhaps it shouldn't have come as a surprise when, after a two-decade downturn, Clay showed some acting chops in a season-long role in the final run of *Entourage* in 2011. But many observers were surprised, and their surprise doubled when Clay was cast in Woody Allen's *Blue Jasmine* alongside such A-listers as Cate Blanchett, Bobby Cannavale, and Sally Hawkins. He turned in a quality performance, and now he's looking to keep the comeback-ball rolling.



You've got a book and a stand-up album—produced by Rick Rubin—coming out this month.

No—not the album; not yet.

It's not coming out?

No, you got some wrong information.

I got that from Jeff [Clay's publicist]. All right, well—

Yeah, no, I know. Sometimes he don't know what's going on. You know what I mean? Because a lot's going on. So it's hard to keep up. He's great at publicity, but then our plans change. He tell you I'm hosting a Showtime special?

No. What's that about?

It's called *The Andrew Dice Clay Blue Comedy Show*. I'm presenting new

comics, including Eleanor Kerrigan, who to me is just about the strongest female stand-up out there today. There are a lot of people on the show, but she's the only girl, and considering we just lost one of our greatest ever, Joan Rivers, I feel real good that I'm bringing on a new girl.

Was Joan Rivers a big inspiration to you?

I think whether you were a comic or not, she's inspiring because she had some real heavy things thrown at her in her life, and she was a true fighter, a true comic, true talent—and when she came along in comedy, it was a lot tougher for women. Because, you know, years ago, I mean all the way back to Mae West, then Lucy, and Phyllis Diller—you know, [they were all] great comedians. [Rivers] knocked down whatever walls were left.

Through my career I used to make fun of them, and I still would. Because they're a great target. Anything with girls, you know, and sex, is always a great target for Dice. But, honestly speaking, nobody would be able to wipe the floors with Joan Rivers [chuckles]. That's for sure. I'm really sad that she's gone.

What can you tell our readers about your book?

You know I had a better seat when I first called you? [He'd had to interrupt, and call back.]

Yeah?

Yeah. Like, I take one of the tables, and I move it into this alcove thing [with a] couple chairs. And then when I come back, there are two other guys sitting at the table. And this jerk-off sitting at another table goes, "They took your table." And I'm like, "Well, why didn't you just tell them someone's sitting there?" You know? Why couldn't you just say, "Somebody's sitting there"? You know why? You know why he didn't do that?

Because he wanted to stir up some shit.

Yeah, 'cause he was a piece of shit. He wanted to see a problem—that's how people are, they love that. I go through it every day.



"When I was at my lowest point, I would tell my sons, I would say, 'Wait till I turn it on again.' And then we turned it on, and it's just cooking."

Well, tell our readers what to expect from this book.

The book is called *The Filthy Truth*, and it's almost like the CliffsNotes [of my life]. You can never write the full story. People are always asking me questions and for stories—about girls and my life—that's just what happens when you're a performer. So this is like bits and pieces of it, you know? Childhood, teen-hood ... how I started performing, *why* I started performing. I think—besides being crazy, and what the fans would really love—the book is also inspirational. Because when I was at my lowest point, I would tell my sons, I would say, "Wait till I turn it on again." And then we turned it on, and it's just cooking.


In her blurb on your book, Roseanne Barr says the Andrew Dice Clay persona is actually intended to satirize the "stupidity of the ultra-macho male dinosaur." Is that just Roseanne trying to find a way to like your act, or is there some truth to it?

Oh, no, Roseanne knows me really well. We've been hanging for 25, 30 years. So she knows the man behind the leather. She knows the kind of father I am; she knows the kind of husband I am. She knows who I am, offstage. And she really enjoys me *onstage*, because I paint these ridiculous, comedic, sexual cartoons for people. The whole idea is to make people laugh at themselves.

You got to work with Martin Scorsese recently.

Yeah, that was just an absolute honor. I worked on his upcoming rock 'n' roll project for HBO. It's about rock 'n' roll in the 1970s in New York City. Right now, it's untitled—they just call it *The Rock 'N' Roll Project*. And all I did with Scorsese was laugh, because he's just the greatest fucking guy to hang out with.

What else is coming up?

I have some deals with networks for television shows in the works, and, you know, what this book tries to show, in a big way, is ... with this resurgence, I owed it to my children to go, "This is how you get it done." I like to teach by example. And that's what's happening now: I'm getting to work with A-list actors, directors, producers, and I'm humbled by it, and excited about it. 



Google's recent policy change targeting adult businesses is just the latest salvo in its war against porn, and points to a disturbing trend of censorship with broad-reaching ramifications.

By Violet Blue



After 12 years of peacefully doing business with adult sites, Google killed an entire advertising sector virtually overnight. Changes to the company's AdWords policy were announced in March, with advertisers flagged as being in violation of the changes being told via email, "Beginning in the coming weeks, we'll no longer accept ads that promote graphic depictions of sexual acts including, but not limited to, hard-core pornography; graphic sexual acts including ... masturbation; genital, anal, and oral sexual activity." AdWords is the Google service that places advertisements beside users' search results. The selection and placement of ads is based on keywords in submitted queries and their relation to advertising copy. In June, Google enforced those conservative changes to its AdWords policies, prohibiting the promotion of most sexually themed sites.

While hard-core sites may have been the intended targets, other businesses were affected. One of many non-adult advertisers caught in Google's purge

A Year of Censorship

Google bans adult apps from Google Glass. Google also bans commercial "adult affiliate" blogs on Blogger. Users are prohibited from using Blogger sites to direct traffic to adult-oriented businesses for profit.

Android's Google Keyboard is updated to exclude more than 1,400 "inappropriate" words, returning no results for typing or swiping "intercourse," "lovemaking," "condom," "panty," "preggers," and "STI."

Adult and erotic content is banned from Chromecast, Google's digital media player.

Adult and erotic apps are banned from Google Play, Android's app and media hub.... Google announces its updated AdWords policy.

An ongoing series of algorithm updates savage existing adult-website rankings, causing major disruptions in traffic and revenues for many companies.

Google bans adult advertisers from AdWords.

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was the Keep A Breast Foundation. This breast-cancer organization educates and engages young people on how to lower their risk for the disease. Keep A Breast's Luis Mendoza took to Google AdWords forums to appeal the ban, saying, "Our slogan ['I Love Boobies'] is perhaps being penalized by the system but has nothing to do with sexual acts, pornography, or anything of the sort."

The AdWords change was the latest in the California-based company's yearlong war on sex (see time line), which began with the June 2013 announcement that adult apps would be banned from its then-latest creation, Google Glass. The AdWords suppression of content is the most troubling change, however, because Google is the world's dominant force in both advertising and search, deciding what one out of every two internet users is allowed to see. Google accounted for nearly 32 percent of online global ad spending in 2013, according to estimates from eMarketer; that firm also predicts that, in 2014, Google will control 46.8 percent of all mobile advertising (Facebook comes in second with 21.7 percent). Google also led the core search market with 67.5 percent of all search queries conducted, according to comScore's March 2014 U.S. search-engine rankings.

Following the June 2013 Google Glass announcement, the company enacted a series of policy changes/purges of adult content, but the AdWords move sent a strong message about the powerful corporation's relationship with the porn industry—and cemented Google's widening role as both enforcer and gatekeeper of conservative values across its products.

At the same time, the use of mobile apps on smartphones and tablets continues to increase exponentially. Adult "tube" site Pornhub released a report in June on data acquired from its estimated 38 million visitors a day that showed half are now using mobile devices to access the site's content. Internet entrepreneur Chris Dixon cites the "decline of the mobile web," saying

that the lion's share of internet access is now via mobile devices, and that in 2013, 80 percent of the time spent online on mobile devices was through apps, not web browsers. In 2014, that rose to 86 percent.

Dixon explains that because people don't actually browse on the internet anymore, we have yet to realize we're staring down the barrel of a free-speech nightmare. You'd think that with the majority of porn use shifting to mobile, those millions of people must be using porn apps, right? They're not. Apps are mainly controlled by two companies: Apple and Google via Apple iTunes and Google's Chrome Store. Because Steve Jobs hated porn, adult and sex apps are super-banned from Apple's prudish app-topia. That means Google's policy shift creates a censored duopoly controlled by two companies that must be making Morality in Media very, very happy. Google's AdWords move has indeed bolstered anti-porn activists, who claim the change is a victorious outcome of their meetings with and pressure on Google to crack down on porn.

Ultimately, it all harms more than adult-website operators, with few users aware of how censored their Google products are. Consumers whose gateway to the internet is through a Google product are only seeing filtered news, search results, art, health information, and other content. Relegating adult content to the fringes bodes ill for anyone looking for safe adult information and entertainment.

Adult businesses have historically been at the forefront of the fight for free speech and political dissent, and that won't be changing anytime soon. And since free speech and expression are minimized—and, in some cases, removed or prohibited altogether—when the utility controlling the content simply doesn't like the topic, we find ourselves mired in a new, deeply insidious mud puddle of censorship. 

GREAT MOMENTS IN HISTORY

Satire by Eric Jay Decetis





LAYLA SIN

26 Random Facts About Me That Few People Know



Almost two decades after appearing in *Penthouse* as the June 1993 Pet of the Month, I started writing for the magazine in the hope that one day I could profile my fellow Pets in my very own column. My dream has finally come true!

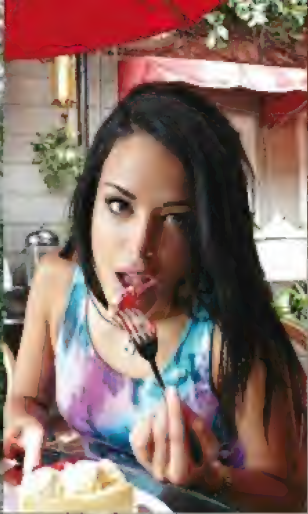
By Sam Phillips

As I'm a longtime national-radio broadcaster and a self-described "open book," you might think there isn't much that the public doesn't know about me. Not true. One of my big secrets: Before I go to sleep, I have to eat candy, and I keep it stored in jars on both sides of my bed. Another fun factoid is that every morning when I wake up, I play *Candy Crush* on my phone while sitting on the toilet—and five lives are simply not enough. Who knew candy was a recurring theme in my life? Well, now you do.

This month, we get close to August 2014 Pet of the Month Layla Sin, a unique blend of beauty, smarts, substance, and sex appeal who's famous for her erotic hard-core performances, and as the face of the Fetish Fantasy Gold collection for Pipedream. When she's not running ClubLaylaSin.com, she's running from suitors who saw her on the VH1 reality series *Dating Naked*.

I was familiar with Layla from her centerfold, and excited to shoot her candid photos. When we met, I was taken with her grace and style, and I bet you will be, too.

1. I like to eat ketchup with everything.
2. I once tried to straighten my hair myself. I left the straightening cream on too long and some of my hair fell out.
3. Music is my life. I could live without TV, internet, and phone, but not without music.
4. I was married for five years, but I'm a divorcee now.
5. Feeding animals and being around them makes me really happy and relaxed. It's almost like therapy for me.
6. I can watch movies all day long. I love going to movie theaters by myself and watching multiple movies in one day.
7. I could eat cheesecake every day for the rest of my life.
8. Every time I go to the gym I find an excuse to be on my phone and not work out.
9. I make the best baby-back ribs, and great tacos.



10. *My favorite activity is scuba diving, as I'm fascinated with the underwater world. I've been to Thailand, Hawaii, and the Bahamas to dive.*
11. *I skydived on my 19th birthday.*
12. *I raced in the Baja 500 and crashed in Mexico.*
13. *I'm a dog person.*
14. *I'm addicted to sushi. I absolutely love spicy tuna on rice cakes.*
15. *I love being naked. I'm always in my birthday suit at home.*
16. *My favorite colors are pink, white, gold, and black.*
17. *I have a big collection of stuffed animals, and I love to cuddle with them.*
18. *I love to go for romantic walks at night.*
19. *I love playing craps when I go to Las Vegas, or anyplace that allows gambling.*
20. *I got accepted into medical school in Europe, but decided not to attend.*
21. *I witnessed a suicide bombing in Israel when I was young.*
22. *I've never had sex with more than two guys at the same time.*
23. *I have never shared an apartment with a roommate.*
24. *My teeth are perfect; I don't have any fillings.*
25. *The only water I drink is Kangen alkaline water. I believe it has very special properties that contribute to my health and beauty.*
26. *I take a bubble bath every other day. I find it therapeutic and relaxing.*

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Whether you're looking for tips to improve your performance between the sheets, answers to a question or two, or help with an issue you can't take to even your most trusted friend, our expert can help. It's time to get schooled.

By Martin Downs, MPH



IS DAD MAD, SAD, OR BAD?

I have a cousin who is in her mid-thirties with a four-year-old boy. She is now divorced. Apparently, as soon as her son was born, her husband could no longer touch her intimately and acted as if he hated her. Is this a known condition?

It sounds to me like he might have been suffering from postpartum depression. Most people are aware that mothers are at risk for depression after having a baby, but depression in new dads commonly gets overlooked. Studies show that about one in ten fathers suffer from postpartum depression, which is similar to rates of depression in new mothers.

One reason it's overlooked is that depression in men often looks different from depression in women.

Whereas depressed women typically act sad, men act mad when they're depressed. Irritability, hostility, and "anger attacks"—like panic attacks, but with feelings of intense, uncontrollable rage—are some key signs of depression in new fathers. A depressed man may close up emotionally, keep to himself, start hitting the bottle, fight more with his spouse, or even get violent. Most people would take these not as signs of depression, but as signs of being an asshole.

Depression is also closely linked with loss of interest in sex and erectile dysfunction in men, by the way. Some men may be ashamed by what they see as their failure to perform sexually, which worsens their depression.

This isn't new information. Medical

experts aren't debating whether fathers can get postpartum depression. It's accepted as a bona fide, serious condition. But no one seems to be passing that info along to parents. Hospitals routinely send new parents home with instructions to watch out for signs of depression in the mother, but not the father. In fact, very little is said about fathers (or to them) during the whole pregnancy and birth process.

Becoming a parent is a major mindfuck for both moms and dads. But there tends to be more concern for the emotional well-being of new moms, and supporting her tends to be the only priority. Dads are usually left to sort out their crap on their own.

I've been through the prenatal/postpartum-care system a couple of times—birthing classes, parenting classes, meetings with obstetricians, nurse-midwives, lactation consultants, and so forth. As I recall, their message to me as the dad could be summed up this way: Shut up and be nice to Mom. And if you can't be nice, then at least shut up.

I did as they said, managed on my own, and things turned out okay. Most dads I know have managed okay, too, but I can think of one or two who blew up their marriage and went off the rails. Apparently, it's better to have a few wrecks than to talk seriously about depression in dads. Many moms would scoff at the idea of paternal postpartum depression, and many men affected would deny that they suffer from it.

I often hear women snickering about the "man cold," for instance. They say men act like big babies when we're sick. Or men like to act sicker than we really are to garner sympathy. Imagine what they'd say about paternal postpartum depression. "Awww! What's the matter? Does your pussy hurt?"

Maybe the science tells only part of the story. Perhaps new dads can get depressed like moms do, but only the bad eggs crack. Perhaps your cousin's ex-husband was just a bad egg. But I doubt if anyone considered that he might have been depressed, or that he could have gotten help. In any case, it may be too late for their family, but it would be worth mentioning if you ever notice another new dad losing his shit for no apparent reason, or if you're one of them.



PUT A WEDGE BETWEEN US

How do you use a foam wedge cushion as a sexual aid? I got one to keep my leg elevated after having surgery recently. I've heard of people using foam wedges to help with different sex positions, but I'm not exactly sure how.

The erotic possibilities are many and varied. Unfortunately, it's much harder to tell you about them than it would be to show. The ideas come across better in pictures. But I will explain how a foam wedge can be used to solve a few common bedroom problems.

The first is that a flat surface, like a bed or floor, isn't ideal for people having sexual intercourse. Optimal angles of penetration can be difficult to achieve by lying on, straddling, or kneeling behind a partner. Other bodily contortions that couples might enjoy are awkward and can cause strain without a supportive cushion.

The most versatile way to use a foam wedge for sex is to elevate the pelvis. For example, let's say a man and woman are to have sex in the missionary position. Usually she would lie back and part her thighs. He would get between them, supporting

his weight with his arms, and push his pelvis into hers.

Instead, she might recline on a wedge cushion with her hips resting on the wide end, raised about 8 to 12 inches, so that the slope of the wedge comfortably supports her lower back. If she bends her knees and rolls her pelvis back slightly, gravity and posture let her thighs fall back and apart effortlessly. Elevating her pelvis enables her partner a greater range of angles at which his penis can penetrate her. Some women say that using a wedge provides the best angle to stimulate the G spot.

This use of a wedge also affords the man a clear view of his penis sliding in and out of his lover's body. With his knees bent and braced against the wedge, his arms are free to cradle and caress her, and he won't squish her under the weight of his body. These things can serve to heighten both partners' arousal.

This simple setup also has advantages for oral and anal sex. It's a more relaxed, less cramped position for the one giving head. That's good for the one receiving it, too, because their partner may not get fatigued

as quickly.

The ability of the pelvis to roll back slightly when supported by a wedge makes the butthole easier to access, and helps with rimming and ass-fucking. Some get more pleasure from anal sex in the missionary position, as the intimacy of face-to-face butt sex gives them an extra thrill. On a bed, without something to lift the hips and support the back, missionary anal may be rather uncomfortable for the one taking it in the butt. Serious anal-sex enthusiasts say a wedge is the best solution.

Using multiple wedges of different dimensions greatly expands the possibilities. I recommend going to the website of the sex-wedge-maker Liberator (Liberator.com) to check out their collection of pictures showing what couples can do with wedges. Liberator wedges are designed and marketed as sexual aids, but a foam wedge doesn't have to be called a "sex wedge" to be used as one. Foam wedge cushions are also sold in drugstores as home medical supplies, and in housewares stores as bedding accessories. Any of those might work just as well. 

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

"While a lot of the clients who come to the Ranch are really open about their kinky sides, there are some who aren't sure how to ask for what they want. I've noticed, for example, that most men are afraid to ask about anal play for themselves. I had a man come in and it was clear he was very nervous, but I was able to get him to open up about what he wanted. He admitted that he was an 'anal whore,' and once I was sure he was comfortable with me, I pulled out some toys I thought he might like. He got so excited once he realized how open I was and how much experience I had."

TEACHING OVERVIEW

"You need to relax and not think so much. Meditate if you have to—it'll help you forget about the stress of daily life and whether you've done the dishes. Plus, when you're relaxed you're able to feel more pleasure.

"I also wish more people would be more open and not judge each other. We all enjoy life in different ways—that's what makes sex so interesting and keeps us coming back for more."



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KINKY KARLA

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My girlfriend Heather is one of those gorgeous babes everyone wants to fuck. She's bi, but she prefers women. When we find a hot girl we're both attracted to, we take her home for some three-way fun. Last weekend we met Karla, a tall, busty redhead with a beautiful face. She started dancing by herself and then winked at us.

Shall we
try to pick
her up?

Heather already knew my answer when she pulled me close for a kiss.





When I looked up Karla was watching us, so I curled a finger and Karla slinked toward us.



Just like that, the three of us were making out on the couch, with Karla riding Heather's thigh as she pressed one knee between her legs.



Being so close to them was making my pussy drip with excitement. All eyes were on us as we fondled one another, so I was relieved when Heather suggested we leave, and Karla invited us back to her place.



When we got to Karla's, she led us up to her bedroom.



Heather and I took off our tops, and Karla licked and sucked on my nipples while fondling Heather's.



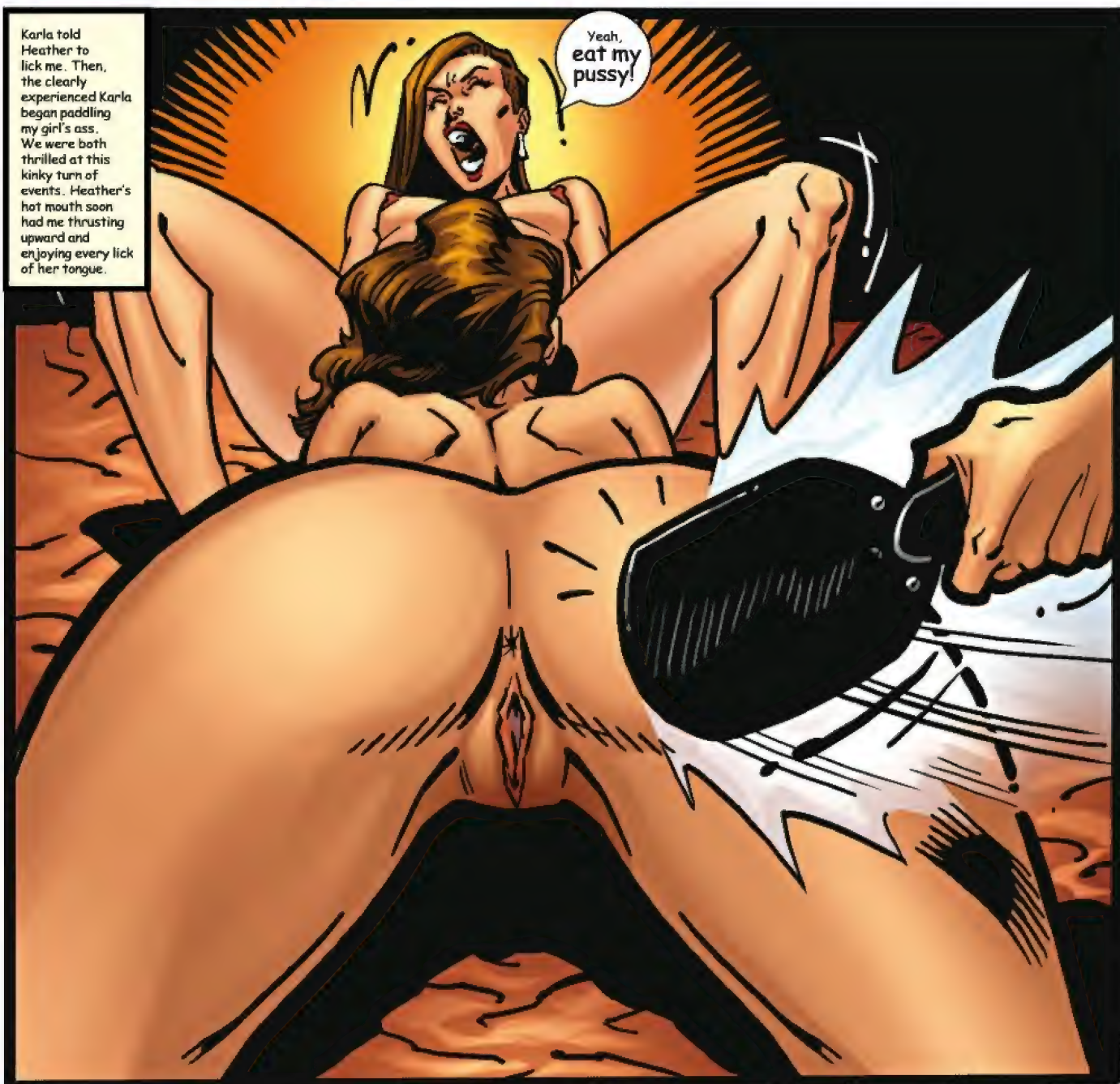
Okay,
who wants to
go first?



I was disappointed when Karla left us briefly—until she returned with a black wooden paddle.



Heather and I smiled, since we both love to get spanked, but I let her go first.



Karla told Heather to lick me. Then, the clearly experienced Karla began paddling my girl's ass. We were both thrilled at this kinky turn of events. Heather's hot mouth soon had me thrusting upward and enjoying every lick of her tongue.

After I came, gushing into my girlfriend's mouth, I suggested we switch places.



Now, I was giving Heather the business end of the paddle while she ate Karla's pussy.

That's it—
make Karla
come!



While giving Heather a particularly sound smack, I shoved my fingers into her cunt.



After my girlfriend came, squirming around my fingers, I played tongue tag with Karla while Heather kept lapping at Karla's pussy till she came.



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one beautiful book lover

Indianapolis's own Bailey Rayne is a 23-year-old librarian (really!) who dreams of working as an animator for a movie studio. All we know is, these pictures prove once and for all that the sexy-librarian archetype is not a myth.

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"I was a quiet band geek in high school, and I can still be introverted. In fact, I'm always up for Taco Bell and *Skyrim*. Yes, at the same time."










"I once went back to my old high school and made love in the band room. That's the wildest place I've ever had sex."

A young woman with long, straight blonde hair is sitting on a dark metal balcony railing. She is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly pink, bikini top. Her legs are crossed at the ankles, and her hands are resting on her knees. The background is a bright, out-of-focus view of green foliage. The lighting is soft and natural, suggesting an outdoor setting during the day.

"My most remarkable sexual experience was the first time I met my Hitachi vibrator. But learning what pleases me has improved my sex life with men, too."



"If I could have sex with anyone, living or dead, I would pick Beethoven.
I've heard he was into getting a little rough."





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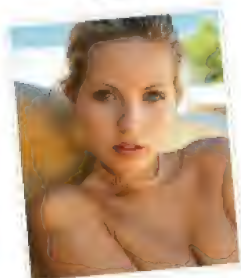
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■ Backdoor for Beginners

Gina had been hinting that she'd let me fuck her ass, but since I'd never been with a girl who was into that, I didn't really believe the signs. But after a few days of me ignoring her subtle suggestions, she came right out and told me exactly what she wanted. I was shocked at first, then thrilled at my good fortune.

After the realization sank in, I got a little nervous. Like I said, I'd never been with a girl who was into anal, so I'd never done it before. I wanted to—I really, *really* wanted to—but the opportunity had never presented itself. It was intimidating, since Gina seemed to be experienced. I decided to let her take the lead.

Our anal adventure started the way sex usually does between us: with lots of kissing and foreplay. We were halfway undressed and in bed, and when she pulled me in for a kiss, I responded instantly. While my lips moved against hers, she pushed my hands down to her ass, so I started to massage her cheeks. That seemed to be the right move, as she moaned into our kiss. I kept squeezing and stroking her ripe, round ass until she pulled away from me to finish stripping.

We took off our underwear and tossed it across the room, then met in the middle of the bed. Gina and I kissed once more, and then she rolled onto her stomach and presented her butt to me. Feeling more comfortable now, I leaned over and kissed her

cheeks as I fondled her. Then I pushed a finger into her crack and gently stroked up and down, passing over her sphincter each time.

The fingerplay excited Gina, but she wasn't shy about letting me know that she wanted more. She directed me to the top drawer of her nightstand, where she keeps the condoms and lube, and I followed her orders. I unrolled a latex condom over my shaft, then slathered my length with a thick coating of lube. After I finished, she told me to drizzle some of the lube along her ass. I did as she said, spreading her cheeks and pouring the cool liquid between them, making sure to get plenty on her tight asshole.

Gina rose up onto her knees, putting her ass in the air, and told me it was time to fuck her. I guided my dick to her backdoor and pushed the tip against her entrance, and Gina was so ready that her ass opened right up for my cock. I slid deep into her in one slow, smooth stroke. And, oh my God, did it feel good! As tight and hot as her pussy is, Gina's ass felt even tighter and hotter, and I wasn't sure how long I'd be able to last. Not only was the deep, dark tunnel of her ass snug and warm, but her sphincter kept clenching around the base of my shaft. There was no way I could avoid coming with that incredible torment working my dick.

Gina told me to start moving, and I did. Fucking her ass was like being in heaven. I was able to thrust freely, but each inward stroke felt like pushing into a vise, and her muscles gripped

When I told her I was on the verge of coming, she said to pound her ass hard, and she'd come, too.

my cock harder and harder until I was all the way inside her. Then she loosened up so I could pull out and it started all over again. The way she controlled our pleasure was sexy as hell, and it made me want to fuck her even harder, which I did.

Before long, I was on the verge of coming. When I told Gina, she said to pound her ass as hard as I could, and she'd come with me. I bucked my hips wildly against her, feeling my need to climax grow until I was ready to burst. As I came, her ass squeezed and clenched around my cock, milking me for all I was worth. Gina, meanwhile, seemed to be experiencing her own explosive orgasm, her body writhing and flailing.

Once we finished, I rolled off Gina and went to the bathroom to discard the used condom. When I returned, she looked at me and said, "That was good ... for your first time. But I think we've got some practicing to do." It didn't take long for me to get it up again, and then we went back to it.—S.K., *Massachusetts*

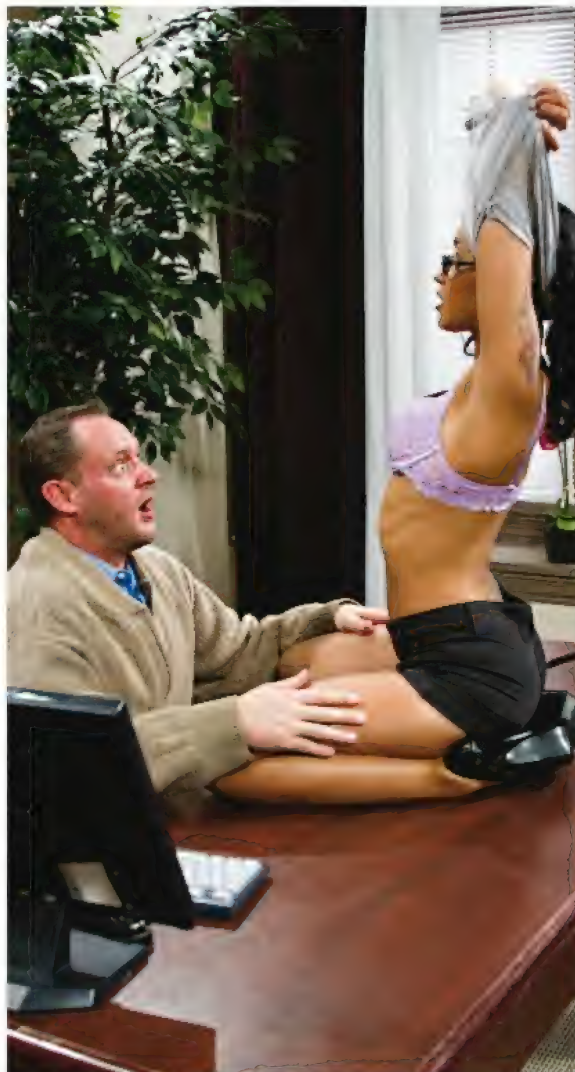
Word Hard, Play Harder

As I walked toward Derek's office, I smiled at the receptionist and told her there was no need to buzz my boyfriend, that he was expecting me. Being the boss's girl has some perks, so she took me at my word and let me stroll right in. I wasn't lying, either. He was expecting me ... sort of. He knew I'd be coming by, but much later, and with paperwork I needed him to look over. But when he'd told me what a rough day he was having, I decided he needed a pick-me-up more than I needed his legal advice.

I knocked on his door and pushed it open and stepped inside. I closed it behind me and locked it, then closed the blinds on his window. Derek had no idea what I was up to, and he looked a little confused by my attempts to lock down his office. But he kept his mouth shut and waited for me to explain—which I did a moment later by untying my long trench coat and dropping it to the floor. Underneath, I was wearing a garter belt and stockings, fuck-me pumps, a demi-cup bra, and nothing else. His eyes practically popped out of his head when he saw my outfit, and I did a little shimmy to show off the goods. He groaned low and deep, and I knew his bad day had just improved.

While he ogled me, I took the few steps toward him and reached out to loosen his tie. As I slowly unknotted it and pulled it out of his collar, I pressed myself against him, rubbing my leg along his and pushing it between his thighs. Once his tie was off, I reached down and cupped the bulge in the front of his slacks, giving it a gentle squeeze. His hips automatically bucked forward, and I could tell he was already primed for action. I knew my ensemble was sexy, but it was nice to know that I could get him so hot and bothered so quickly!

As I leaned in to kiss him, I unbuckled his belt and unzipped his pants. Then I quickly sank down and took his pants with me, pushing them to his feet. His dick was standing at attention, and I sucked it into my mouth for a moment, lubing him up with my slick saliva. When I stood up, I kissed him again, then leaned over his desk. I looked over my shoulder at Derek and crooked a finger at him.



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She hopped up on the sink and guided me between her thighs so I could impale her.

He stumbled a bit as he moved behind me, his pants tripping him up, but he got there quickly and didn't need any further instructions. He guided his cock to my pussy and pushed in all the way in one swift thrust. My body rocked forward with the force of it, my skin squeaking against the polished wood of the desk, and I curled my fingers around the edge to hold myself steady.

Derek began stroking in and out, building up speed with every pump. I'd been cold earlier, walking to his office from the parking lot, but now the heat spreading from my pussy went all the way up through my body. I reached behind us and grabbed his ass, trying to pull him even deeper into me. But I really wanted to be at his mercy, so I spread my legs wider and let him set the pace.

After a few minutes he stopped, pulled out, and ordered me to flip onto my back. The stern tone of his voice made my pussy gush, and I pulled him toward me. He lifted one of my legs to his shoulder and pulled the other around his waist, a position that always lets him bottom out in my pussy. Our new position gave me room to play with my clit, which always helps me get off—and turns Derek on quite a bit, too. Once my hand moved between my thighs, Derek picked up his pace, humping me frantically.

A minute went by, maybe two, and then we were both moaning loudly as we came. I was sure his employees could hear us, but I didn't care. I'd been aroused since I'd slipped on my lingerie at home, and I couldn't wait to feel my orgasm wash through me. Derek came first, and I watched his face contort as his cock pulsed. Feeling his seed shooting into me was the final straw, and I exploded a split second later, my juices pouring out of me like a fountain.

Derek helped me off the desk and we both got dressed. I knew he needed to get back to work, and I had my own things to take care of, so I kissed him good-bye and told him I'd have a messenger deliver the contracts I'd wanted him to look over later that afternoon. Now that I'd helped him de-stress from his rough morning, I figured he'd have no trouble getting through the rest of his day. — T.E., Pennsylvania

■ Sinking Into Her

When Dave told me we'd be meeting up with one of his friends for the concert, I was expecting another guy. I couldn't remember the last time my buddy had been "just friends" with a chick, and since he hadn't mentioned a girlfriend, I figured he was talking about one of the guys he worked with. When Jamie walked up to the bar and greeted him, I was completely floored.

She had to be the hottest "friend" Dave had ever introduced me to. She had an outstanding body—thick and built, not skinny like his usual girls—and a rack to die for. Even with her T-shirt, which showed no cleavage whatsoever, I could tell her tits were amazingly ample. She had a pretty face, too, and thick, dark hair that she'd pulled up into a sloppy ponytail that showed off her long neck.

It wasn't just that she was hot, though that would've been enough. She was cool as fuck, too. She ragged on Dave like one of the guys and managed to keep up with our beer-drinking. I couldn't figure out why my buddy was just friends with her, but I was sure as shit not going to be making that same mistake.

Jamie and I stayed by the bar at the club for most of the concert, talking between bands and just hanging out. When the show was over, Dave told us he'd meet us in a bit. We decided



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I'd fucked my share of girls in bar bathrooms, but none like Jamie. She wasn't bothered by our location or the lack of foreplay.

to walk to the next stop on our list for the night, and without the noise it was much easier to flirt. She was responding well, and when we got to the bar, we grabbed a couple of drinks and a booth in the back.

I sat down next to her, and when she didn't move to put more space between us, I inched even closer. I was putting in my best work, and right when I was about to make my move, she blew me away again. Before I had the chance, she kissed me. I've always found it incredibly hot when a girl makes the first move, so the attraction I felt for her only increased.

When she pulled back, I barely let her lips leave mine before I leaned in and kissed her again, letting her know I wasn't done yet. We made out for a while, letting our lips and hands wander, and then Jamie said, "You know, the bathrooms here are unisex and individual, and pretty spacious." I had no idea what to say to that, so she continued, "They're also downstairs, so they're superdiscreet." That was all I needed to hear. I got up from the table and walked toward the back of the bar and down the stairs.

There was no one downstairs when I got there, and when I went into one

of the bathrooms I saw she was right. It was massive. A minute or so later, Jamie appeared, and she pushed me in and locked the door behind us. After giving me one of the hottest kisses of my life, she pulled a condom out of her purse and handed it to me. She hung her bag on the hook on the back of the door, then pulled down her pants and underwear, somehow stepping out of them without taking off her shoes. She hopped up on the edge of the sink, and once I had my pants unzipped and the condom rolled on, she grabbed my cock and guided me to her cunt so I could impale her.

Her legs wrapped around my back as I pushed between her thighs, my cock sliding deep into her. When I thrust, she reached up to grab my shoulders and humped me right back. I was worried that the sink would rip right off the wall with the aggressive way she was banging me. It was hot!

I bent my head down and pressed my lips against hers for another hot kiss, and our lips stayed locked as we bucked against each other. I'd fucked my share of girls in bar bathrooms, but none of them were like Jamie. She was a damn sex machine! She just went at it like mine was the last cock she'd

ever get, and she didn't seem at all bothered by our location or the lack of foreplay. I went crazy, pounding into her as hard and as fast as I could.

Right when I was thinking I'd blow my load too soon, Jamie surprised me again by announcing she was coming. Sure enough, I felt her pussy clenching around my dick as she climaxed. I didn't stop pumping, and she seemed game to go at it as long as I needed. Luckily, it wasn't long before I shot off and filled the condom.

While Jamie pulled her pants back on and washed her hands, I tossed the used condom and grabbed a paper towel to clean myself up. I went back up to the bar and ordered another round of drinks, and a few minutes later, Jamie joined me. Dave finally showed up after we'd found a new table. When he asked how I liked the bar, I told him it was definitely my new favorite spot. —J.C., *New York*

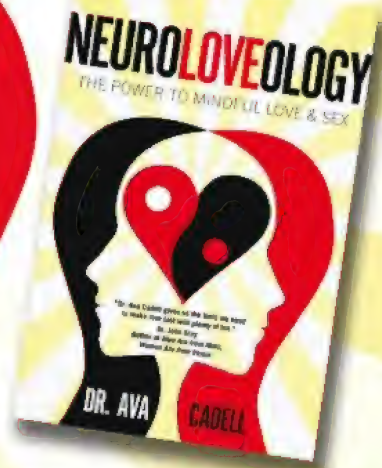
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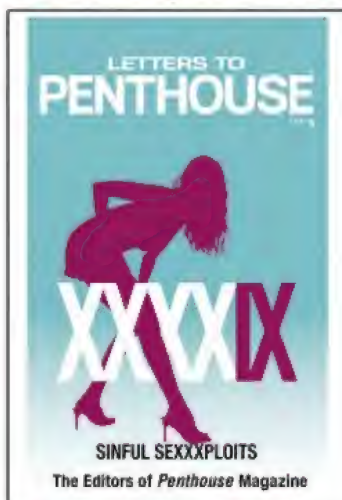
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sipped our last drinks, and by the time we'd finished, the driver was outside. The ride back to my place would take 20 minutes, but apparently that was too long for Nicole to wait. We were only a minute into the ride when she started getting handsy.

She kissed me passionately, rubbing her hand up and down my chest, and I kissed her back. I wasn't surprised that she was horny, but I was a little shocked that she was getting so touchy-feely in the back of the car, where the driver could see us. I'm always up for some risqué behavior, but Nicole was acting a little out of character. I didn't think too hard about it, though, because any time she wants to get her hands all over me, I'm okay with it.

We were pulling onto the highway when she really got wild, guiding my hand under her short dress. She'd taken off her panties, so I was pleasantly surprised when my hand brushed against her bare skin. I had no idea what had brought on this behavior—she'd only had three drinks all night, barely enough to get her tipsy—but I was not about to argue.

I stroked her pussy, which was already damp, and she moaned


happily—loud enough to attract the driver's attention. I saw him glance back at us in the rearview mirror. I caught his eye and he winked, letting me know it was cool with him. I nodded back, glad he wasn't going to say anything to startle my girlfriend.

I returned my attention to Nicole, and just in time. As I sped up my fingers, she reached over to unzip my jeans. I was already rock-hard, so I sprang right out of my pants. She took one look at my cock and that was it. She licked her lips, pushed me sideways onto the seat, and straddled my lap, quickly engulfing my dick in her warm, tight cunt.

I couldn't help the loud groan that tore from my mouth as she sank down onto me, and I closed my eyes tightly as she rode me up and down, her pussy stroking my shaft as her juices ran down my length. I didn't want to make her do all the work, so my hand returned to her clit. That really got her going!

When I looked up again, I saw the driver glancing back every few minutes to watch us in the mirror, and then I noticed that Nicole was watching him just as intently. She had her eyes glued on him as she bounced on my lap, and each time he looked up in the mirror, she moaned louder, putting on a show for him. There was something incredibly hot about my girlfriend wanting to please not only me, but a complete stranger, too, so I lifted my ass off the seat and pumped into her. We were both thrusting hard and making more than a little noise. It was ten times hotter than it should have been because we had an audience.

Nicole and I were startled out of our fuck-induced reverie when the driver told us that we were only a couple of miles from my place. I thought the interruption would kill the mood, but it only spurred my girlfriend on. She clearly wanted to come before calling it quits, and I was right there with her. As our hips bucked against each other, I frigged her clit and used my free hand to fondle her breasts. It was no easy task, but the whole experience was hot as fucking hell, and we both managed to get off right as we pulled into my driveway.

Nicole took my keys to let herself into the house while I paid the driver. I pulled a hundred out of my wallet and handed it to the guy as I thanked him for the ride. I had other ways of thanking Nicole for the ride of my life.—K.B., Minnesota 

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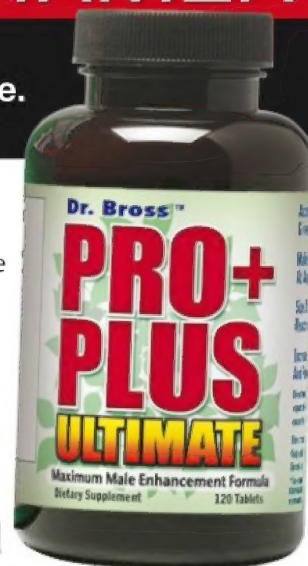


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